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Gunshots, fights and arrests

Violence away from school overshadows positive start

BY TOMMY GELEHRTER
Managing Editor

Gunshots pierced the air and a police officer was assaulted in what turned out to be a dark week for a few Shaker students.

It started on the evening of Sept. 13. While some students were at the Back to School Dance, many were at a party on Kenyon Road. A student who did not wish to be identified said the party grew out of hand while the night was still young.

"The party got too large and it was out of control. The people who were having the party did not want any fights and they decided it was time for everyone to leave," the student said.

"When nobody left, they took it into their own hands and decided to fire their guns into the air. It was done strictly to scare people," she said.

Police were called to the scene, and the party was quickly dispersed. Shaker Heights Chief of Police Walter Ugrinic said the evening is still under investigation and the police department is planning to make an arrest in the case within the next few days.

Security efforts were heightened the next Monday after many concerned parents and students spoke with high school officials.

"It was important for us to ensure the safety of our students and to ensure that there would be no trespassers coming onto school grounds to cause trouble," Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh said of the school's security effort.

While the attention of Shaker police was turned toward the school, a small riot erupted in front of the main library.

"We took precautionary measures regarding the unruly behavior and luckily we managed to have everything under control very quickly. We are now taking appropriate action against all of those people who were involved with this incident," Ugrinic said.

He also said eight people were arrested after a confrontation between students and police officers. He said one officer was pushed into the shrubs and that proper action would be taken upon that individual.

Later Monday evening the police were called in two more incidents involving Shaker students. They made arrests on Hildana Road and at Chelton Park after fights related to the incident at the library broke out.

Despite this recent string of events and arrests, Ugrinic said he does not feel the Shaker Heights community is an unsafe place to live.

"Shaker has many fine students, and the events of the past week in no way echo the general behavior of the students at the high school," he said. "This is a very safe environment for the kids, and hopefully we will not see any more of this behavior."

Rumbaugh agreed with Ugrinic.

"I don't feel that the students are in danger in school or out of school. I feel that if we had more recreational activities and intramurals it would keep the kids out of unsupervised parties and out of trouble," he said.

Rumbaugh also said it is not entirely the school's problem to correct and that he is working in conjunction with parents and the city to provide programs for students.

On Sept. 19, Rumbaugh mailed a letter to all parents addressing the events of the past week. The letter informed parents of the four incidents and reminded them "that our children continue to need adult guidance and supervision." Rumbaugh also wrote that as a school, "We will maintain the security of our schools, and I urge every parent's cooperation, support and vigilance. Our success will depend upon our working together."

Rumbaugh said the letter was necessary to share with parents what had happened and to make sure that everybody understands his concern for the activities that get out of hand. Especially those involving guns.

Rumbaugh closed out the letter by reminding parents of Shaker's excellent student body, noting positive achievements accomplished during the week, such as club activities, athletic contests, freshman student council elections and many hours of student instruction.

"I am so proud of all the Shaker students. Luckily the actions of a few of our students do not represent us as a whole," he said.

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OVAL PATROL! Police cars as well as the Supervisor's Explorer have been seen around the oval recently.

Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller

SITTING AT THE COMMAND POST. Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh is looking out for all of his students safety.

Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller

The week of Sept. 13, a day-by-day recap:

Sept. 13 - A party on Kenyon Road grows unruly and three gun shots are fired into the air.

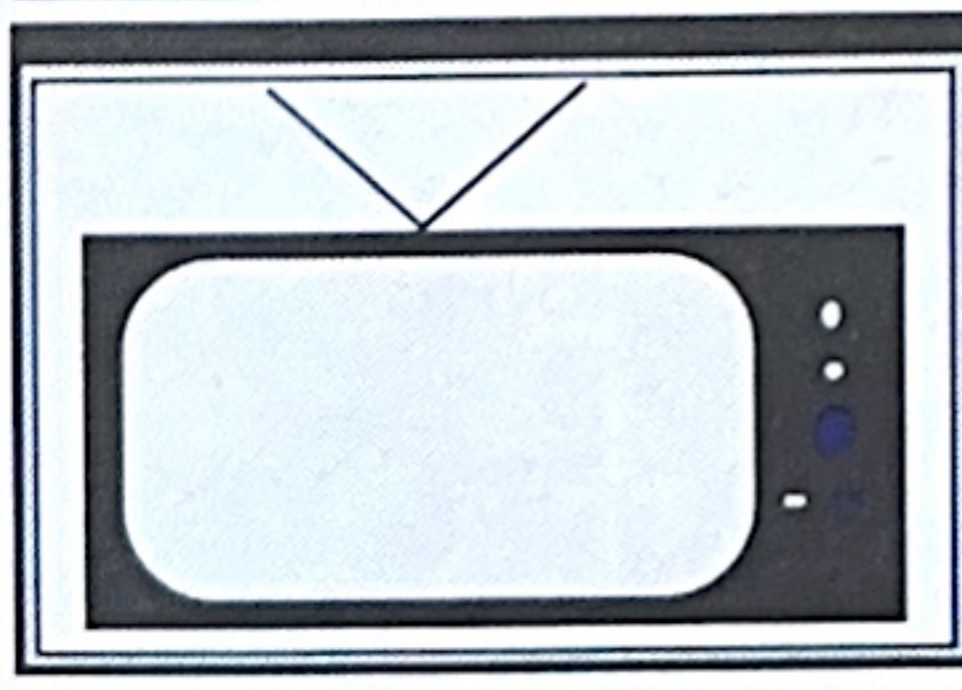
Sept. 14 - Security is heightened at the high school. Extra police are on hand around the oval after school.

Sept. 14 - Two more fights break out on Hildana Road and at Chelton Park. A Cleveland resident is injured.

Sept. 15-17 - Police cars block off the front of the oval after school to ensure the safety of students and cut down on traffic.

Sept. 19 - Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh issues a letter to parents informing them about the events of the past week.

Sept. 20 - The football team clashes with rival Cleveland Heights and demolishes the Tigers 34-0.



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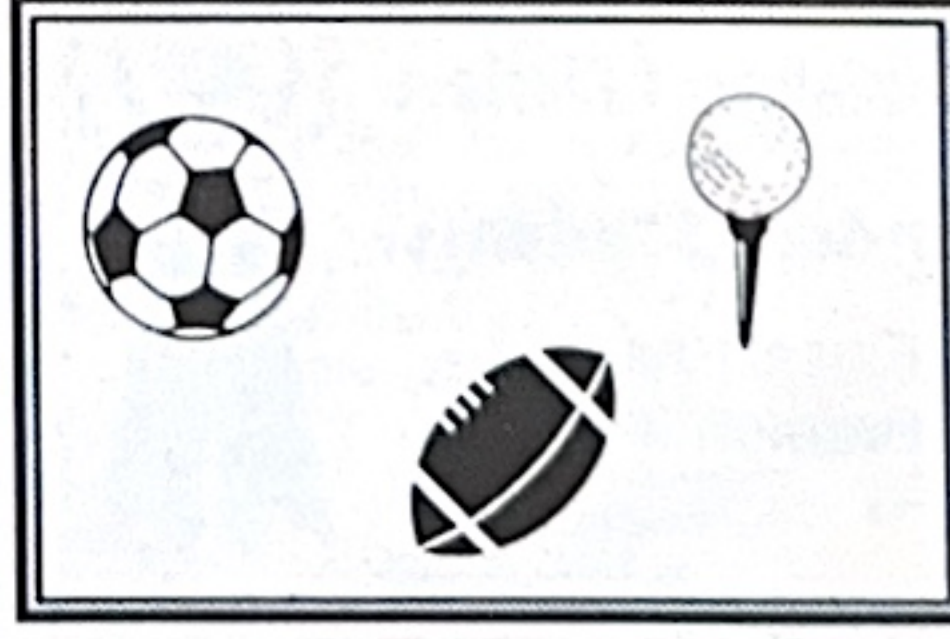

DON'T WORRY .....

Raider Radar has returned for another year of catching students' goofy actions.

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Four outdoor video monitors bolster security system

BY TOBY BULLOFF
News Editor

Four video cameras funded by the district budget were installed outside the high school this summer to increase school security, Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh said.

"We are just making a safe school safer," Rumbaugh said.

The main problems Rumbaugh hopes to solve by installing cameras are car vandalism and trespassing. He said both student cars parked around the oval and teacher cars within the lots were not adequately watched in previous years.

"I know what is happening with you and me, but I do not know what is happening with parked cars," Rumbaugh said.

These new cameras, which run 24 hours a day, seven days a week, can focus on license plates, damage to property and people who appear to be trespassing.

The four cameras survey the main parking lot, the Aldersyde parking lot, the front lawn, and the area near the science wing. They take random pictures of the area, as opposed to clearly sweeping the scene.

Rumbaugh stresses that Shaker is not under complete surveillance. The video tapes are used to verify incidents and are not watched around the clock.

"I do not feel like I am being watched everywhere," Rumbaugh said.

He noted some Cleveland schools have metal detectors and indoor monitors. Rumbaugh said he did not feel the need for indoor cameras at this time, although he said he sometimes worries about the remote back stairwells near the band and choir rooms.

Another issue in school safety is that more than 50 doors in this school remain unlocked all day. The new cameras may be able to crack down on unwanted visitors.

He said the cameras cannot be detected from the outside. The protective shells are visible from the outside.

"Cameras are the most cost effective way to survey an area," Rumbaugh said, as opposed to hiring extra security guards who cannot view as large of an area.

He said many people support this proactive approach to security.

"I think people appreciate a little more observation," Rumbaugh said.

However, some students feel that these cameras are an invasion of their privacy.

"I did not see anything that was wrong last year, and no security guards had those ear pieces; there were no video cameras outside. They are watching us too closely. Not everyone acts bad, and they are taking it out on everybody. It is not all our problems," junior Emily Robertson said.

Senior Clinton Martin said he did not appreciate the video cameras because he felt the security guards were adequate.

"I do not see the need for all of this hi–tech equipment when security guards are walking around. Lots of kids are asking why we really have these cameras. We never had a real explanation," Martin said.

Rumbaugh maintains that no specific incident spurred the installation of video cameras.

"We wanted to make sure we stay safe at school," Rumbaugh said.

Busted! Security guard Cheryel Jennings makes this school a safer place.
Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller

Congratulations National Merit Semifinalists:

Lindsay Campbell
Todd Dolinsky
Amber Drechsler
Mark Entel
Isaac Feitler
Grace Fuller
Adam Hill
Emily Hoffman
Daniel Homans
Paul Ip
Erik Johnson
Matthew Keay
Eric Limbach
Ross McDevitt
Elizabeth McFarlane
Celeste Ng
Jakob Rinderknecht
Madeleine Saran
Kristan Shenk
Steven Shuck
Evan Walsh
Jed Wolpaw

National Commended Students:

Eric Bahna
Catarina Campbell
Nicole Dorsky
Gregory Ferreri
Mark Gurarie
David Hauser
Briana Hensold
Hilary Jacqmin
Jorianne Jernberg
Lisa Lazarus
Maura Malone
Camille Monnier
Beth Moore
Jaime O'Brien
Killian O'Brien
David Roth
John Sawyer
Sarah Siegel
Heather Singerman
Timothy Stenta
Jennifer Wallace
Kerry Wallach

National Achievement Semifinalist: Killian O'Brien

National Commended Students:

Marissa Clark
Erron Combs
Harry Hanson
Faisal Khan
Bradford Picot

Shakerite infographic by Toby Bulloff

NEWS BRIEFS

Band, choir, orchestra European tour announced

During spring break, more than 400 Shaker musicians will travel to Europe. Both the entire band and the combined orchestra and choir will visit Germany to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Goslar exchange program.

According to Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh, both groups will be staying in Germany for eight nights, but the choir and orchestra will arrive a day before the band.

Rumbaugh said the choir and orchestra will leave the Thursday before break officially starts and will land in Dusseldorf. From there, they will go on to Goslar, where the students will be living with families in home stays. Goslar is a small town of about 30,000 people, and the number of Shaker visitors will actually outnumber the host school population. The choir and orchestra will join the Goslar choir for a concert, which will take place in Bonn. They will also do some sight-seeing, including a tour of the Rhine river.

Band director Hans Bohnert said the band will leave on March 26, and most participants will fly to Amsterdam and travel to Goslar. The band performances will include marching band, jazz ensemble and jazz combo. All high school band members are invited on the tour.

The band will also sight-see the Rhine and perhaps Dusseldorf and Hamburg, Germany. This will be the band's fourth European trip.

The band, choir and orchestra will conduct a fruit sale in October to help cover expenses.

– Dawn Huckelbridge

Musicians join Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony

The following Shaker instrumentalists have been accepted into the prestigious Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony:

Toby Bulloff, Flute
Kate Ciepluch, Flute
Sarah Frisof, Flute
John Hogg, Flute
Sarah Rorimer, Flute
Lisa Samols, Flute
Emily Stear, Flute
Amy Fuller, Oboe
Chris Koler, Bassoon
Francis Fungsang, Clarinet
Candace Hamilton, Clarinet
Koto Ishida, Clarinet
Tristan Cullis, Alto Clarinet
David Pearson, Alto Saxophone
Adam Abelson, Baritone Saxophone
Jimmy Dunn, Baritone Saxophone
Zachary Davis, French Horn
Abbey Fitch, French Horn
Aaron Greenspan, French Horn
Laura Jacqmin, French Horn
Eric Limbach, French Horn
Margot Russo, French Horn
Jeffrey Wilkinson, French Horn
Sarah Kangas, Trumpet
Sarah Hexter, Trumpet
Faisal Khan, Trombone
Abe Kinkopf, Trombone
Carolyn Schilling, Trombone
Tara Davis, Euphonium
Jonathan Slain, Euphonium
Eric Anderson, Tuba
Jeremy Hsu, Tuba
Jacob Feitler, Percussion
Dinesh Joseph, Percussion
Amy Libman, Percussion
Luke Rinderknecht, Percussion
Adam Singerman, Percussion

– Toby Bulloff

AROUND THE WORLD

Shaker graduate publishes book:

Josh Berezin chronicles Yale admission process

Shakerite photo courtesy of Gristmill

BY TOBY BULLOFF
News Editor

Josh Berezin, a '97 graduate of Shaker, who logged his experiences as a high school senior applying to Yale University is about to become a published author. He said the book's title which keeps changing is being published by Hyperion books and is scheduled to come out next August.

Berezin visited Yale the summer after his junior year and knew he definitely wanted to attend.

"I came back and talked to my guidance counselor who told me that I would probably need something to do over the summer that would stand out on my application," Berezin said.

Ranking in the top 10 percent of his class, scoring high on a college entrance exam and being on football and wrestling teams would not be enough to ensure acceptance to Yale.

A family friend in the editing business suggested keeping a daily journal about applying to Yale, and Berezin took him up on his idea.

"I started keeping a daily journal around the first of July, '96 until Dec. 17 when I got in. I e-mailed my entries to my editor about once a week," he said.

His editor, Karen Watts, an associate publisher at Seth Godin Productions in Irvington, NY, thought Berezin had promise.

"As soon as I got the first batch of entries, I knew I could do something with it. Immediately I could tell he could write. He was a funny guy, and it comes across in his writing," Watts said.

Berezin used the first journal entry as a basis for one of his application essays. He believed that his book was the decisive factor in his admission, but later he found out that the book "did not seem like that major of a deal."

Watts said Berezin called her the day he was accepted. Berezin said "it was not like 'If I do not get into Yale, my life would be ruined,' but once I got in, I was walking on air." Watts said of the phone call "he was freaking; He was hyperventilating."

While about one quarter of the journal is directly about the Yale application process, Berezin said "the rest is about ordinary stuff that anyone would write in a journal or diary."

In addition to the journal, Berezin's teachers, friends and family are being interviewed for their views on the content, Berezin said.

Watts called friend and football and wrestling teammate of Berezin, senior Aaron McMickle. She asked about their friendship, which McMickle said was based on a common interest in sports. McMickle said he is happy for Berezin and hopes to read the book when it is published.

Berezin said he is becoming interested in the publishing industry after dealing with editors and their revisions.

"I have read the first revised draft, and I could not tell when the editors had changed my words. They only made small adjustments, like word order, but I would say that 99 percent of the manuscript was in my words."

Shaker students react to Israel bombing, peace process

BY CAROLE MCELRATH
Staff Reporter

Peace between Israel and Palestine is grim. The Sept. 4 bombing was the second in little over a month in Jerusalem.

The first, ripping up Mahane Yehuda, the open-air Jewish market in Jerusalem, came on July 30. Two suicide bombers killed 13 Israelis.

Three successive nail bombs ravaged downtown Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda Street, a major tourist pedestrian mall, on September 4. Seven people were killed, and 170 were injured. Some of these people were American tourists.

The explosion, which could be heard for more than a mile, is being labeled as the work of Hamas, the Islamic militant organization. Hamas claims no connection to the Palestinian government.

In response to the Jerusalem bombings, a counterattack took place in southern Lebanon. However, the invasion was botched when a pre-planted bomb detonated killing 11 of the 16 elite commando fighters and a military doctor.

When the bomb exploded, the remaining Israeli soldiers were showered in machine gunfire. A Lebanese woman with her child and a doctor were caught in the crossfire. The invasion was intended to take over the five mile wide "security zone" strip on the Lebanese border.

Lebanese sources believe that the invasion was a plot to kidnap Sheik Abdul-Amir Kabalan, an influence in the Shi'ite militia groups. With this bombing, Israelis have persuaded Netanyahu to withdraw the militias and have the government take charge of the security zone.

Israeli Chief of Staff, Lieutenant general Amnon Lipkin-Shahak did not compare the Lebanon counterattack and the Jerusalem bombings to the citizens.

"Battles are not tragedies. They are battles," Shahak said.

Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright urged Israel to halt all housing settlements in the Gaza Strip and West Band. Albright said the settlements were viewed by the Palestinians as provocations and were a major impediment to achieving peace in the Middle East.

A spokesman for Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected her plan by saying: "We cannot freeze settlements any more than we can freeze life."

"I think it is crazy. The Israelis should not provoke the Palestinians, and the Palestinians should not provoke the Israelis. They should just learn to live with each other."
– sophomore Nate Auerbach

"I think that it is horrible that the Israelis served a counter attack the same day as the bombing. How do they expect peace to come out of all this fighting?"
– senior Margot Petler

"Being in Israel heightened my perspective of the conflict. I think, in general, both sides desire the same thing – peace, but Israel should not have to give away land, property, money or prisoners for the undependable assurance of peace."
– senior Alexandra Rosenfeld

"It is important for both the Israelis and Palestinians not to be dogmatic in their views and reach out to one another. It is too bad we do not realize that we are all descendants of Abraham."
– teacher Terry Pollack

"Of course we cannot ignore the atrocities against mankind by Israel and the PLO, however, the focus is changing. Fundamentalist terrorist groups are distracting the peace process with random aggression."
– freshman Jenny Heisler

Not your average foreign exchange:

Porrases from Shaker, Spanish Salamancas host each other over years

BY DAVID DISTELHORST
Staff Reporter

He is an exchange student from Spain, but for Claudio Salamanca, Shaker Heights is like a second home. This is his fourth visit to the United States, and just as his older brother, Victor, did, he is staying with the Porras family.

Four years ago Jaime Porras was a senior at the high school, and he met exchange student Victor Salamanca from Spain.

"They were both playing varsity soccer, and they became friends," Jaime's mother, Gloria Porras, said.

"Victor had been assigned to the Freeman residence, and right before Thanksgiving, he moved here," Porras said.

"We became not only a host family but actually friends," she noted.

According to Porras, after Victor left, Jaime graduated and wanted to take a break before college. He took the Salamancas up on their offer for another visit.

"The Salamanca family invited him to stay with them, and during his six months in Spain, Jaime enrolled in a school where he studied Spanish five days a week," Porras said.

While Jaime traveled to Spain, Victor's sister, Lorena, visited Solon as an exchange student.

"She would come often to the house, and so we interacted with her a lot too," Porras said.

In '94, Jaime's brother, David, spent six months with the Salamancas. During his stay, the Porras family visited Spain.

"All of us went to Spain and spent Christmas with the Salamanca family. We lived with them for three weeks. They have an apartment in Madrid and a house in the country. They let us use the country house. Now even I have seen Spain," Porras said.

Claudio Salamanca is keeping up the family trend by living with the Porras family this year.

"I am on the JV soccer team, and in the spring I am going to do tennis," Claudio said.

He said one of his favorite classes is AP Calculus with Ray Skitzki, the same class his brother Victor enjoyed four years ago.

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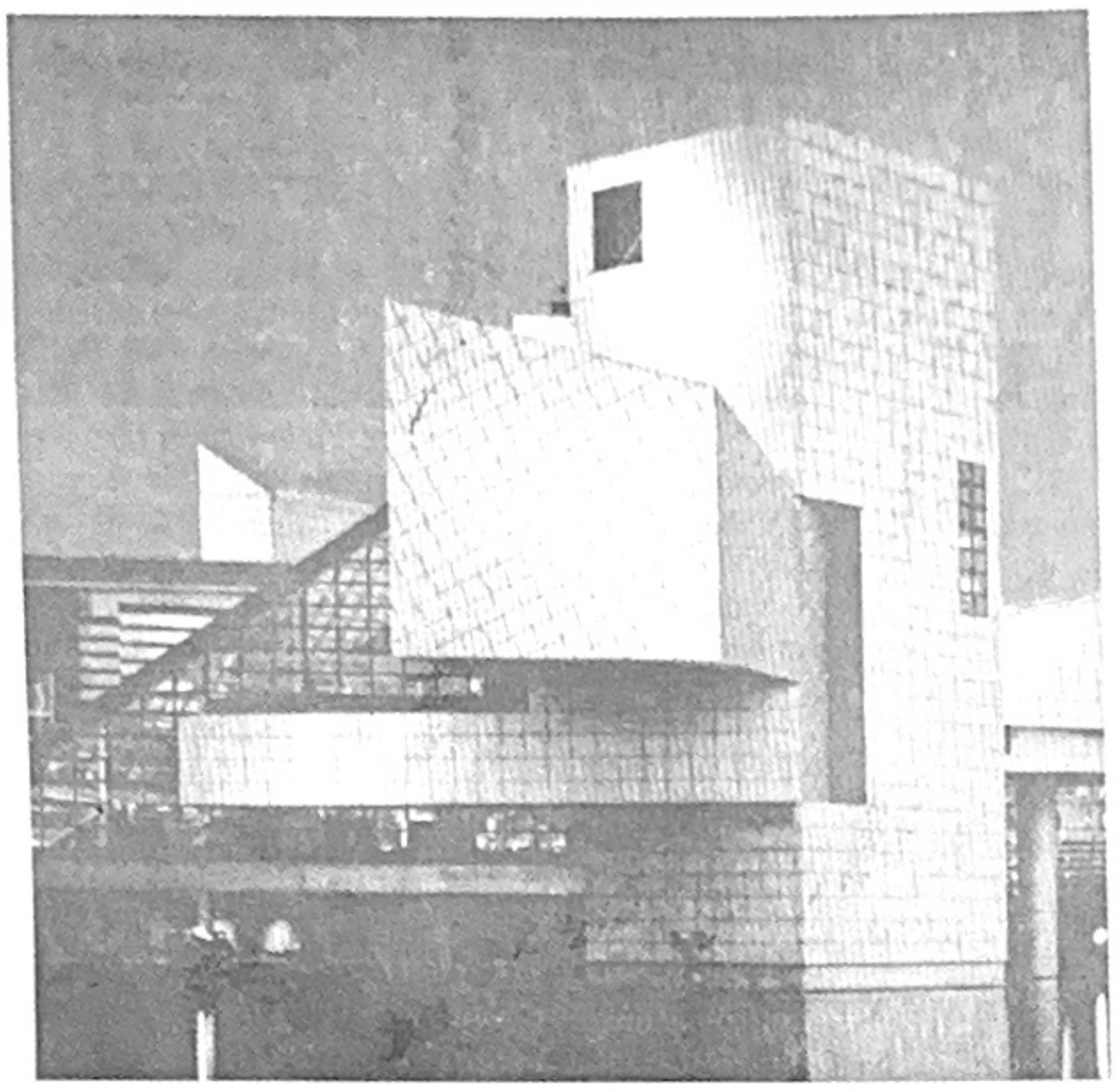

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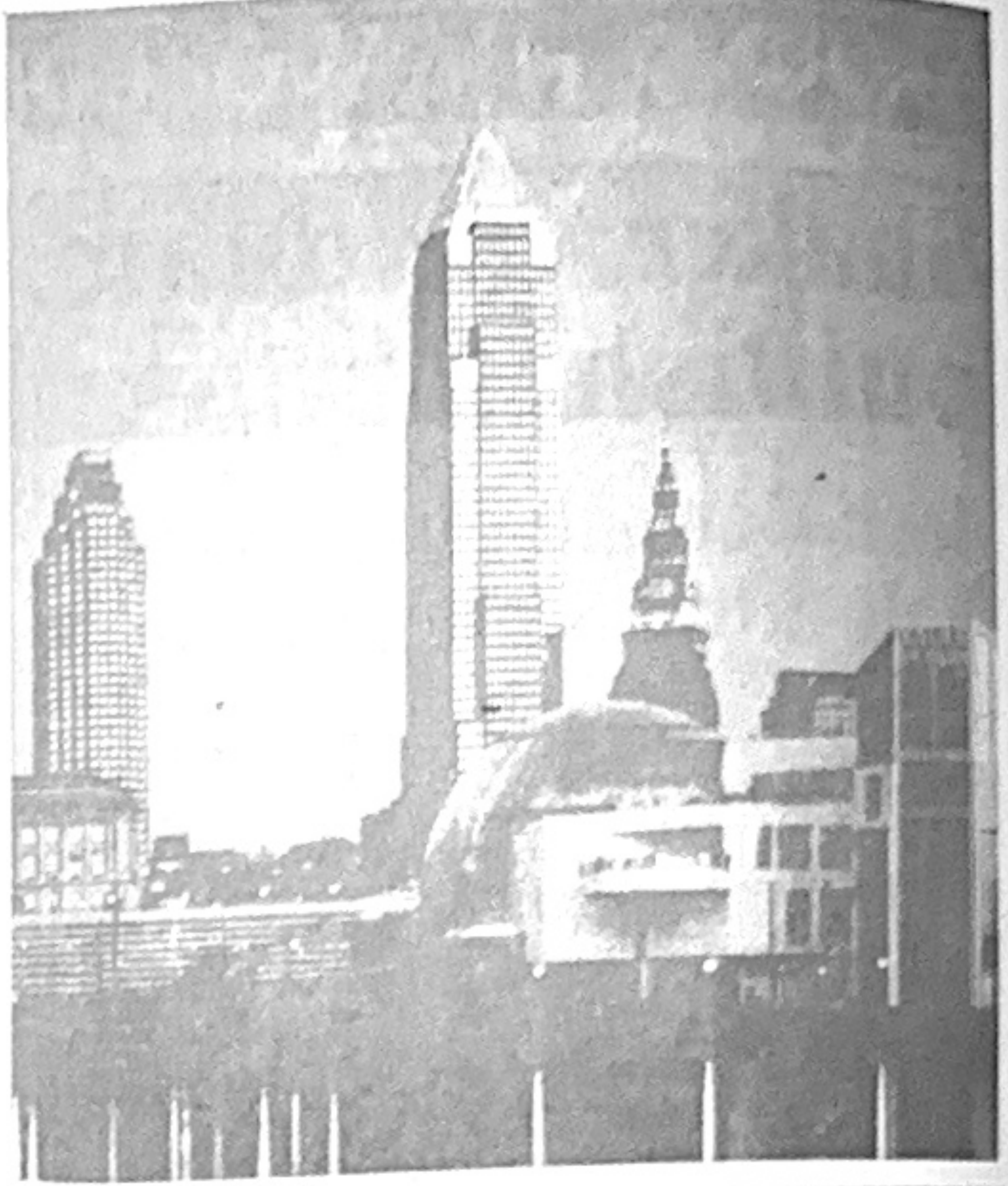

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Best idea to fix Cleveland schools:

✓ "Instead of pouring money into the sports stadiums, give the ***money*** to the schools so they can get fixed," junior Tahlia Bolden said.

✓ Better teachers

✓ Remove Mike White

Best thing about Albert Belle leaving:

✓ Safer Halloweens

✓ Less lawsuits

✓ Dave Justice

Best place for a first date:

✓ *Shaker Square*

✓ *Mayfield Drive In*

✓ *Indians game*

Best pizza:

✓ Donatos

✓ Papa John's

✓ Mama Santa's

Best vanity plate:

✓ SLAWDOG

Best thing about the late Municipal Stadium:

✓ It's gone

✓ Never crowded, possible to afford/get tickets

✓ The bathrooms

Best new Indians player:

✓ Dave Justice – No Contest!

Best place to eat when someone else is buying:

✓ Samurai

✓ Hyde Park Grille

✓ Morton's

Best drive-thru meal:

✓ Wendy's

✓ Taco Bell

✓ McDonald's

Best musician/band that best represents Cleveland:

✓ Bone Thugs 'N Harmony

Best team to relocate here as the Browns:

✓ 49ers

✓ Patriots

✓ Lions

Best unsung Cleveland hero:

✓ Mayor Mike White

✓ Ted Henry

✓ Jim Thome

Best meal under $10:

✓ Yours Truly

✓ Tommy's

✓ Taco Bell

Best graffiti:

✓ Seen from the rapid near Tower City

Best radio show/personality:

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OPINION

ODE TO DI...

On the day that Di died,
the English stood and cried,
Americans were alarmed,
because she was harmed
the paparrazi got the pics,
'till the police caught on to
their tricks,
Elton John wrote a song,
and the world sang along,
Earl's speech was heartfelt,
if only she'd worn her
seatbelt...

THE RITE IDEA

Learning, not grades, should be school priority

As the time comes for the first progress reports, students' thoughts are, as always, turning to grades.

The debate of intrinsic versus extrinsic motivation for learning comes to mind. This involves whether an individual can be pressured to learn through incentives and ultimatums, or if a desire to learn must come from within. In turn, this brings to question what learning is at this school, and what it should be.

Commonly teachers pressure students with points, grades and deadlines. The stimulus for achievement thus comes from an external source, not the student's desire. The process of learning becomes a cramming and regurgitation cycle rather than retaining knowledge for one's own benefit. Evidently, this cycle is not the goal of any legitimate educational institution.

Worksheets and reading-check quizzes do not prepare students for the research papers and midterms of college life, or for solving problems that accompany adulthood. However, many AP classes offer more of a college environment, which is more beneficial to students. Students are forced to process more information on their own. They practice analytical thought and advanced level test taking. The added responsibility of time management is also valuable.

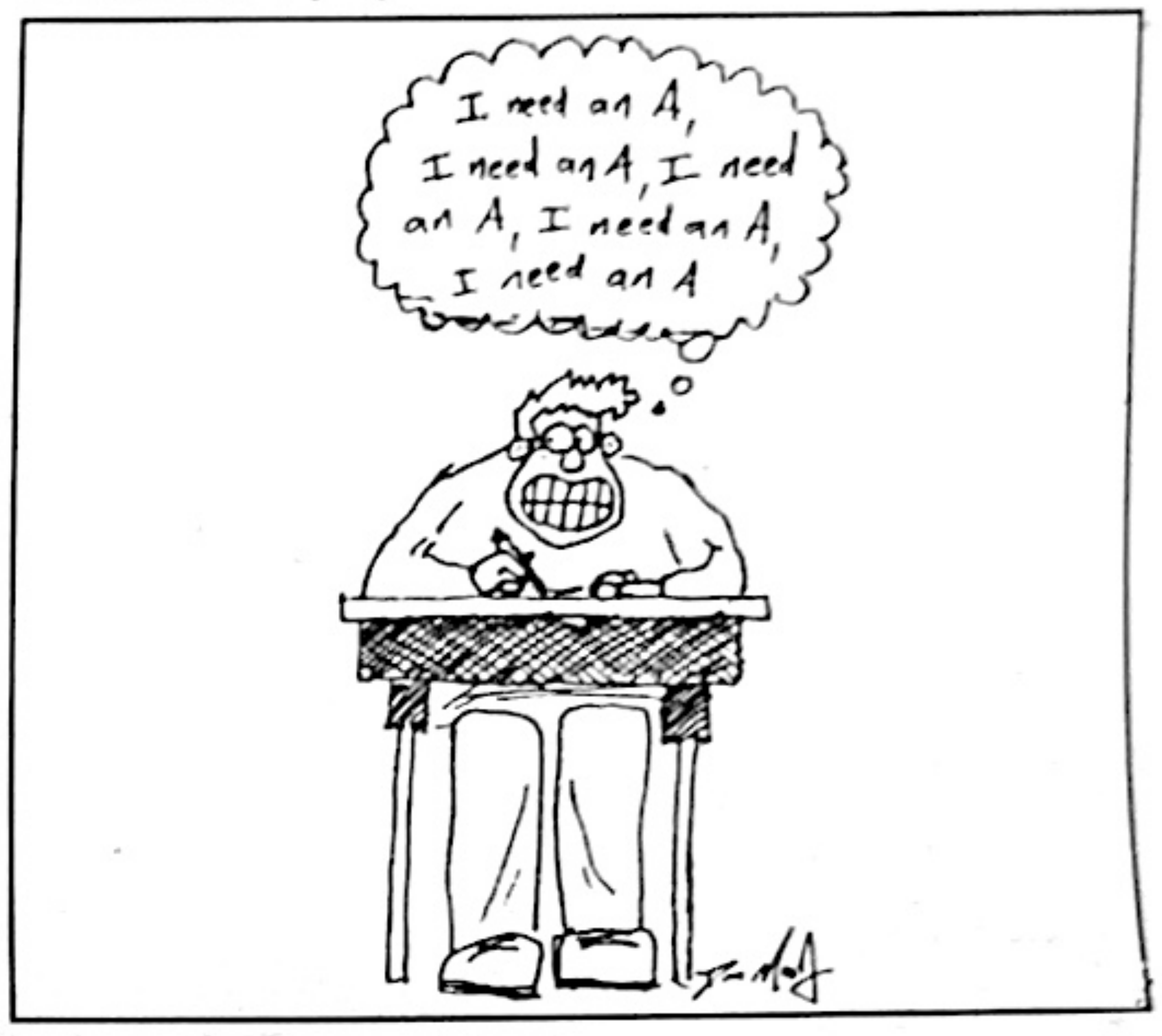
In contrast, in some instances, the name CP is a misnomer. Sometimes, these "college prep" classes do not offer students freedom or responsibility, and hence don't prepare them for the adult world. In colleges the focus is not on points or GPA; understanding is the key.

One viable alternative to the current learning system is the pass/fail option. Evidentlly, this is a luxury that most students cannot afford to take, but it is a good idea for electives. These extra classes are often in areas that the student has a genuine interest in, and the pass/fail option alleviates the stress of making grades. Learning for the sake of learning is then attainable.

However, this route can also be used just to scrape by with a 60 percent, requiring minimal work from the student. Retaining only slightly more than half of the material is a waste of both students' and teachers' time. Optimally, though, high school students should have enough maturity to handle the freedom without abusing it.

This same paradox is apparent when teachers focus more on learning and less on deadlines. Some teachers are abandoning the old worksheet system and attempting interdisciplinary, student-centered teaching. Others allow students to pace themselves on reading assignments, but expect them to understand the content when finals come around. Teachers should abandon the old worksheet and grade–centered system in favor of a relevant, content-centered approach. For a select few students, this instructional approach is an opportunity to slack off, but for the majority it is a unique and welcome change from the norm.

The respect teachers give students by treating them maturely will ultimately be returned when kids apply themselves, achieve in their class and leave Shaker better prepared for adulthood.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I need an A

CHEERS & JEERS

Cheers to the pep rally and shirtless Adam Grossman.

Jeers to the officials that have cost the men's soccer team three games.

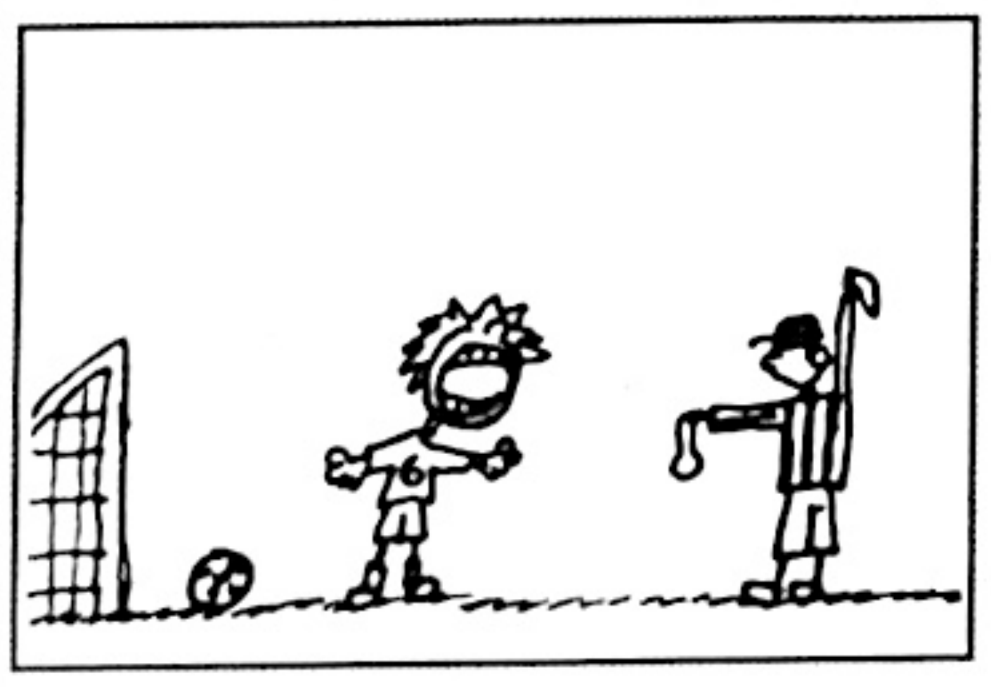
Cheers to the earpieces for security guards: now we can all know when the president has left the building.

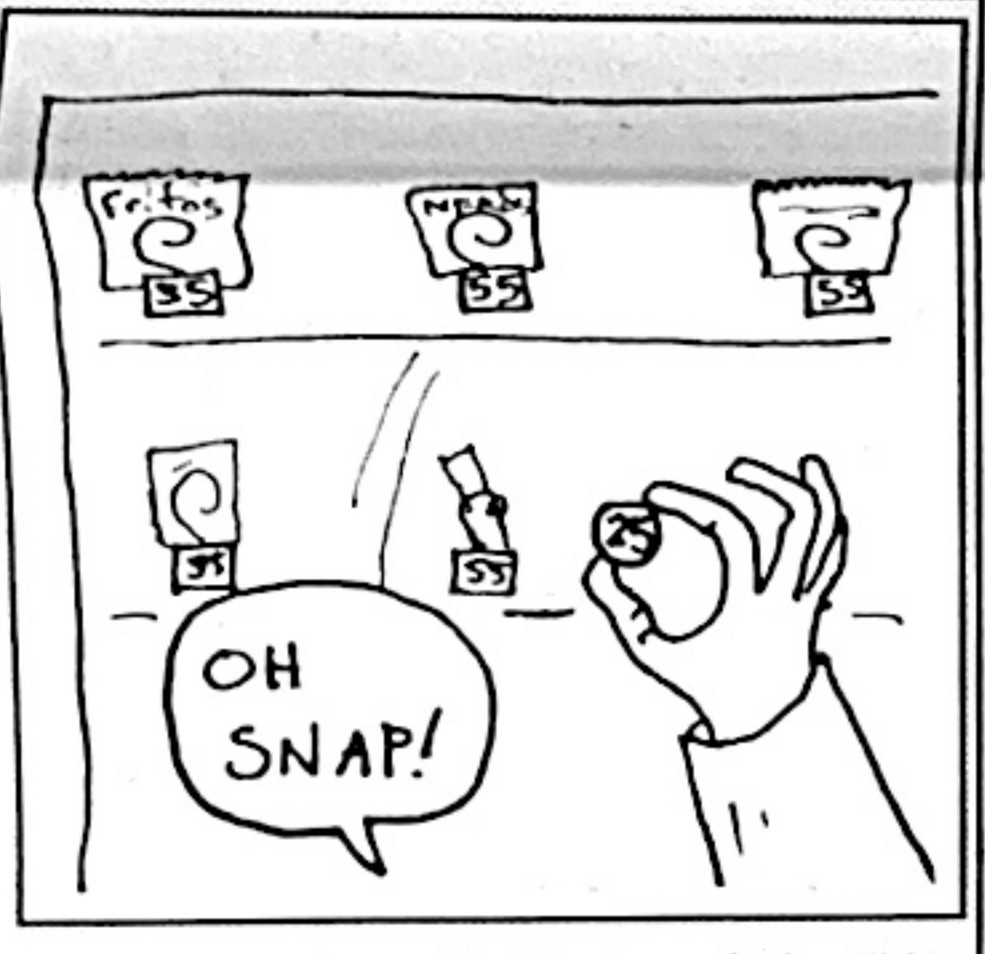
Jeers to 55 cents for candy and chips. Nobody carries nickels.

Cheers to calling for two hours and finally getting Tribe playoff tickets.

Jeers to the busy signal.

Cheers to "Latenight with Conan O'Brien." It's funny.





Cheers to the Big King and the Big Buford, both a cut above the Big Mac.

Jeers to the bad music selection in the social roon jukebox, except for "Jump On It."

Cheers to senioritis, although some of us got it prematurely, like the past three years.

Jeers to breaking the seal...now everyone has to scramble for a homecoming date.

Jeers to the paparazzi.

THE TOP TEN

Superlative categories that didn't quite make it...

10. Worst Dressed

9. Biggest Hater

8. Weakest Game

7. Best J.V. Athlete

6. Finest

5. Worst Breath

4. Most Facial Hair (male/female)

3. Biggest Dome

2. Most Hated Mom

...and the number one reason is...

1. Most Likely to Rot in Hell

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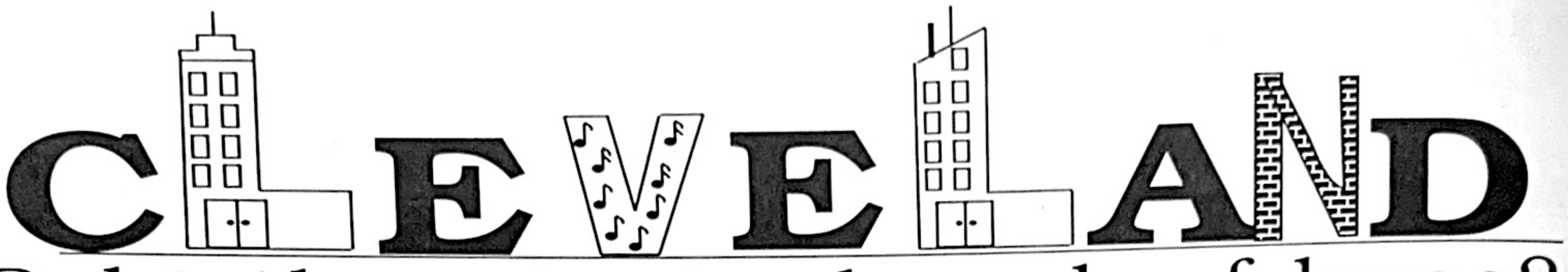


Rebirth or just a bunch of hype?

POINT

A city isn't economics. It isn't business either. Forget about politics. When it comes down to it, none of these things come close to defining a living, breathing city. It's the culture, the sports and the personality. It's the people.

It has been a hard journey from the television jokes of "I've been transferred to Cleveland. What did I do to deserve this?" and the nation laughing at our baseball team in *Major League I* and *II*, but we've done it. With solid sports, a supportive population and the development of the Flats, Cleveland has risen above the stories of the fiery Cuyahoga River of decades ago.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was pursued by many prominent cities but won by our own, the city that actually coined the phrase "Rock 'n' Roll." The I.M. Pei building and its incredible contents provided a jumping off point for growth in Cleveland's Flats. Following the example: the Science Museum with the Omnimax Theatre and the new Waterfront Rapid with cars celebrating the many great Clevelanders, have brought new faces to an often unrecognized part of the city. The Flats have definitely come alive.

Then there are the athletic teams. With the building of Gund Arena and Jacob's Field, Cleveland's facilities are now state of the art, and it will only get better when the football stadium is built. Many of our teams have risen to the challenge. The Browns flew to Baltimore, that's true, but the countdown to their return at Tower City grows smaller everyday. Then there's the Tribe. Besides the World Series excitement of two years ago, the Indians have stayed true to their city and played hard. The Indians are our ambassadors to the world– the comeback team from the comeback city.

There are many parts of Cleveland that often don't receive the attention they deserve. We often take for granted the thriving cultural environment. The Cleveland Museum of Art houses 48,000 pieces of art. We also have the Natural History Museum, the Children's Museum, and the Health Museum for the educationally minded. The Cleveland Orchestra is world renowned for its talented musicians and has toured in such places as Europe and Japan. Cain Park offers art, drama and music for the whole family. Let's also not forget the Cleveland Opera, Playhouse and Ballet which bring world-class performances to our very own downtown.

Another feature of Cleveland is the ethnic diversity found in the city. Different groups hold festivals throughout the summer, such as the Greek Heritage Festival, the Irish Cultural Festival, the Cleveland Blues Festival and the Ravenna Balloon A-fair. There's also the variety of restaurants found in the area, coupled with the culture of Little Italy and the like. Cleveland holds the diversity of many large cities on a smaller scale. The different cultures live together, creating a mixture that Cleveland can call its own.

When all's said and done, Cleveland has a lot to be respected for. Along with that, much of it isn't extremely new. Cleveland has always been strong, but it has often been overlooked. But one thing is for sure, it's worth watching and its a great place to live.

–Emily Hoffman

COUNTERPOINT

Cleveland is getting a lot of positive press lately. Anything supporting the city is for the better, but it is important for actual improvement to occur in all areas supporting the hype.

Yes, Gateway is great. We all love Jacobs Field, and the Indians are exciting. The prospect of the new football stadium is also appealing. However, if one is to look below the surface of professional athletics, he would discover major faults in Cleveland.

The primary problem with the city is the schools. Cleveland Public Schools are in poor condition compared with these thriving athletics. Now, due to state appointment, their fate is largely left up to Mayor Mike White, a politician, not a school administrator. The change is due largely to the poor fiscal condition of the schools– but one man alone cannot change this. If the Cleveland population were willing to donate as much money as they spend on Indians games, these funding problems would be solved.

Money continues to be funneled into economic growth projects that create new project housing, physical development and public spaces. This manpower and funding would better be directed, at least somewhat, towards the schools for a long term solution in the future, rather than a quick fix of putting a roof over heads of untrained masses. People would rather erect buildings than hire faculty, though, because it is a physical change that they can see and put a donor name on. If the schools produced more able members of the workforce, an ongoing cycle to rejuvenate the city would occur.

The designation of portions of eastern Cleveland as "empowerment zones" has channeled millions of dollars into commercial development. This should create wealth for the area corporations, but just as with the athletics, it could end up making a select few wealthy and the general populous unchanged. A "renaissance," as the current growth is dubbed, implies a changing of the order. A rebirth is occurring, but not with balance and attention to education, general poverty and historic preservation.

It would be beneficial to invest in the old area of East 4th Street and Prospect. This is where the three arcades of Cleveland are located along with short brick streets and antique lightposts. This area of great potential remains in a state of disrepair when it could develop into a downtown shopping district similar to those in New York or San Francisco. Improving on a once lively and thriving area could improve and beautify the city, rather than just wiping out eyesores and erecting a new structure (as was done with Gateway). It actually preserves the past.

It is important to support our city and the positive changes of the past five years. However we cannot become so comfortable with the present that we are blind to the negatives that need improvement. Attention from politicians and all people, alike, to inner city schools in tandem with commercial development, is the key to true growth as a city.

–Lindsay Campbell

AP classes offer opportunities for all

BY LAUREN DICKS
Staff Reporter

I froze in my seat last spring when my counselor told me she wanted me to take AP classes next year.

Why? Having taken only CP classes my past three years of high school, I wondered why this sudden sudden change. Not just one AP class, two: English and government, and then an honors class as well. I almost wanted to leap out of my seat.

My guidance counselor assured me that I could handle the courses. So I took her word and prepared myself for the "unknown" world of AP courses.

As I sit through these advanced classes, now being in my senior year, I laugh at all those thoughts of intimidation I had about the courses I take this year. My first three weeks of school I have learned that anyone can handle AP courses if she is willing to apply herself.

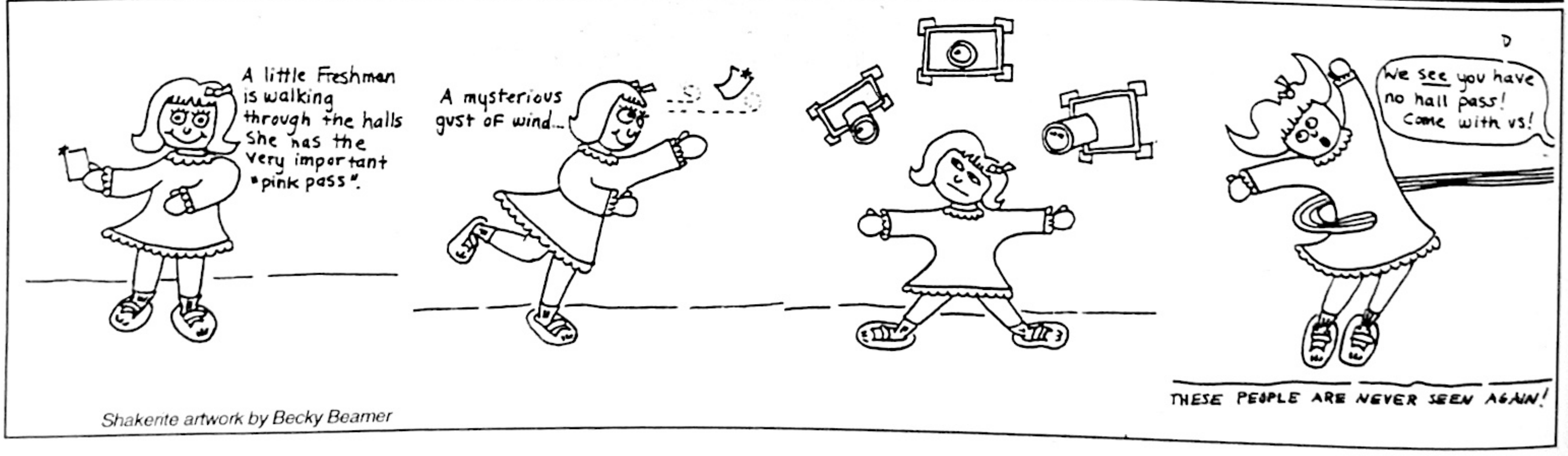
It has nothing to do with AP courses being a "white thing." I, being an African-American female, find the atmosphere of an AP class very comfortable. The students are focused and do not disrespect one another for having opposing points of view. I am succeeding in this new environment, and I believe that anyone else who is willing to work can too.

It seems like more of a college setting. One doesn't have to be a genius to take these classes. There is just a little more homework involved. I even regret having not taken advanced classes earlier.

There is also the AAHAPS group, (African-American Honors and Advanced Placement Students), a support program created by and for black students in AP classes. It meets everyday for study and discussion among peers after school. It is similar to both MAC and the tutoring center, but with a broader and refocused appeal for all advanced African-American students. It is also a forum where students can share how it feels to be a minority in these classes.

Many have reason to believe that African-American students have this support because of the controversy sparked last year by the *Shakerite* article on black and white achievement levels. However, this is not true; it was just an area that needed to be addressed.

I learned this year that the color of skin is irrelevant to being able to achieve at a higher level.

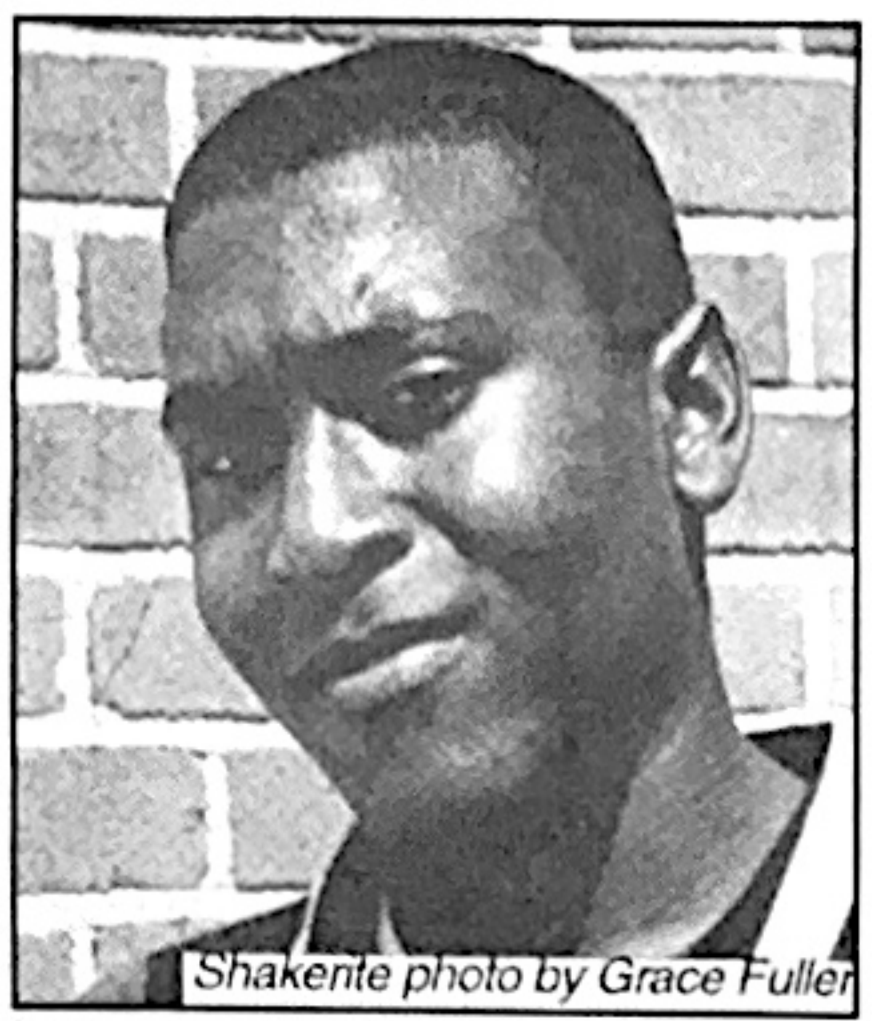

A little Freshman is walking through the halls She has the very important "pink pass".
A mysterious gust of wind...
We see you have no hall pass! Come with us!
THESE PEOPLE ARE NEVER SEEN AGAIN!

Shakerite artwork by Becky Beamer

Shaker speaks... Student views on issues that affect their world

Every school year marks a fresh start in learning and life. This excitement is exemplified by fraternity rush week: meeting new friends, finding a group to belong to and a place to live. Recently, however, these events took a tragic turn. One Lousiana State University student is dead and several others are critically ill as a direct result of binge drinking. Fraternities and good times are synonymous with alcohol intake. These students had too much of one, and death was the result. In reaction to this, universities across the nation, including Kent State, are following the trend of going dry, making fraternities and sororities alcohol free. With all these factors in mind, the *Shakerite* asked students:

What do you think about fraternity drinking? Should it be stopped? Who is responsible, the individual or the organization, when something goes wrong? What are your general feelings about binge drinking as a fraternity ritual at parties?


Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller

"I think that drinking should be banned at fraternities altogether. Or better yet, ban the fraternities! It brings on too many illegal acts that these students don't need. They need to pay more attention to their classes rather than how many shot glasses they can drink within a night."
–Christopher Noel, junior

"You should drink until you need to stop. He should've stopped. He's grown, you can't blame anybody else for his stupidity."
–Latresa McDaniel, junior

"Just give them all marijuana and they'll stop drinking."
–Mike Grossman, sophomore

"It is part of the job of people around him to watch out for him. [Drinking] should be in a controlled situation with limits. They should've considered the rules, perhaps they should change them now."
–Lisa Glazer, junior

Shakerite quotes compiled by Anna Daley and Dawn Hucklebridge

"What would be the point of fraternities without drinking?"
–Steve O'Neal, senior

"College is a time to extend one's horizons, but is is a shame that the horizon being expanded is alcohol tolerance. Students should go to college to learn and have fun, but too often the fun comes in the form of fatally dangerous binge drinking."
–Jocelyn Berger, junior

"The only way to stop it would be to get rid of the fraternities."
–Scott Graham, junior

"They should punish the fraternity. Maybe supervision. You can't have fun while hurting somebody."
–Anthony Abernathy, senior

"I think it's the fraternities' fault and his own for not knowing how far he could go, and I think some short [term] punitive action should be taken."
–John Jackson, sophomore

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"I think it's just his fault. There are responsible drinkers, but some fraternities just go way overboard with drinking."
–Hyo Bae, sophomore

"I think [drinking] is the person's choice, but [the fraternity] should have made sure he was OK, that he didn't die."
–Sarah Hexter, freshman

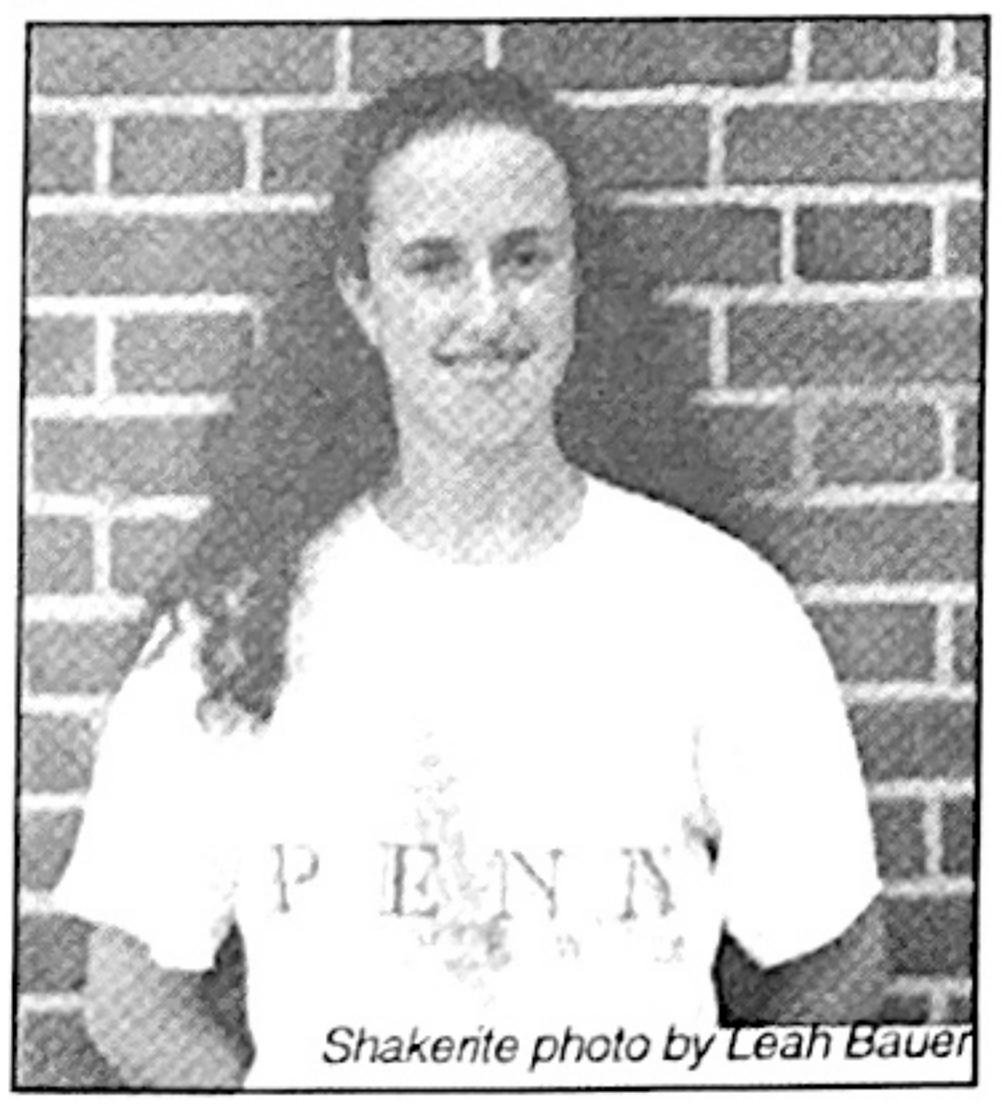
"I think the only explanation for the deaths is that people in groups behave in ways that they would not independently. The pressure to fit in and the fact that everyone else may be drinking can influence your behavior."
–Jim Robenalt, senior

"It was his fault because he didn't know his own limits."
–Jon Caldwell, senior

"It should definitely be stopped. It's the group's fault. It's just peer pressure. They should stop the group if the fraternity pushed them to drink."
–Jeronie Barnes, senior

Pskov vs. Shaker: social, school, everyday life differ

GUEST RITER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BY BETH DOLINSKY

Class of '00

For three weeks last summer, I travelled to Pskov, Russia as a part of the second Shaker-Pskov cultural exchange. After settling in I noticed many differences between life in Pskov and Shaker.

Socially, it would seem that Pskov's teenagers have very little to do. There are no movie theaters or malls, and people don't ordinarily "go out" just for the sake of "going out."

On the contrary, I found a lot of fun things to do in Pskov. Many families do have VCRs, and can often buy American movies before they're released here. Kids go to each others' homes for meals, and swimming in Pskov's two rivers is also a favorite pastime.

Arguably the Americans' favorite social activity in Pskov was the discos. These clubs are similar to typical American dance clubs, but there is no age requirement to get in.

The hours are unusual, most commonly being held from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Occasionally a disco is open from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. or 6-9 p.m. for "litle children" as our hosts said.

> ***"The late disco hours are due to a natural phenomenon that occurs in Pskov called the White Nights. During the summer months, the sun doesn't set until after midnight, which makes the nightlife seem longer."***

The late hours could be due to a natural phenomenon that occurs in Pskov and northwest Russia, called the White Nights. During the summer months, the sun doesn't set until after midnight, which makes the nightlife seem longer. Leaving a party at midnight when it looked like mid-afternoon outside was very strange to the Americans.

In school, Pskov's students face a different situation than Shaker's. The school we exchange with, Pskov School 15, is specialized for foreign language. Students compete for admission as early as first grade.

High school only goes through 11th grade, after which students get a job or go to college. In school students choose a major. Also, in the younger grades, students are required to learn traditional Russian songs and dancing.

The entire first through eleventh grades are housed in one building, but there are only around 25 students in each grade. These classes are often not gender balanced, however, shown by this year's senior class which contains three boys and 22 girls. There are no sports offered through the school, nor does Pskov have clubs like Shaker's. The school's focus is solely academics.

There were more differences in the daily life of Pskov as opposed to Shaker. There are no houses in the city, so everyone lives in apartments. Elevators are almost nonexistent, so top-floor apartments are not too desirable.

Teenagers in Pskov don't worry about whether they will get a car when they turn 18, because only a few families are lucky enough to have cars. There are no garages, so all cars are kept outdoors, through all kinds of weather.

Unlike Shaker, there were fewer than five traffic lights in an entire city of 200,000 people. Most get around by bus or on foot, sometimes walking for hours to get where they need to go.

With all of the differences between Pskov and home, it is still one of the most beautiful and interesting places that I have ever seen.

FYI: If you want to visit or host,contact Marge Eisenberg, 295-4200.

Lending a helping hand...

To serve each other and to serve ourselves

BY NAJAH FARLEY AND EMILY HOFFMAN
Co-Centerpiece Editors

Students at one Pennsylvania high school were so upset by their school's community service requirement, they refused to graduate.

Students from that school and two other schools so strongly opposed what they called "involuntary servitude" they took their case to the Supreme Court.

Such controversies coupled with political support for volunteering have brought community service to the nation's attention.

On April 27 President Clinton began a three-day summit on America's future. This summit, chaired by Gen. Colin Powell, concentrated on community service.

Clinton presented a plan titled Americorps that would allow college students to defray tuition by volunteering. Community service in high schools was also emphasized at the summit.

Schools around the country are answering Clinton's call for community service.

> *I think it's an awesome thing to do, not only because colleges look on it as a good thing but because it makes you feel good,"*
>
> *-Sarah Wick, junior*

Although Maryland is the only state that requires community service for its high school graduates, a National School Board Association poll shows that 71 percent of its members favor the idea.

Shaker's school board does not have a requirement, but many teachers and counselors emphasize volunteerism as a way to get into college.

In the case of the Pennsylvania school, students chose to attend the area community college rather than submit to requirements that contradicted their principles.

Other schools in the Shaker area do require volunteerism for graduation.

Neighboring Beachwood and Hathaway Brown require 50 and 75 hours, respectively. St. Edward's requires an hour and a half on a school fundraiser for freshmen and sophomores. In addition they reward one elective credit for every 60 hours of community service performed.

Many Shaker students strongly oppose community service requirements.

"I think mandatory community service is a desperate attempt to try to improve the community in order to make other communities feel inferior. Why should a good deed be required?" sophomore Anahid Thompson said.

"Community service is important, but kids in high school aren't as interested in the community. They're more interested in being noticed," junior Tranicia Hankins agreed.

The guidance office supports community service as an activity, because many colleges and universities value it.

"Colleges are looking for kids that are more than academic machines. They want to see applicants who care enough about people to give of themselves," Kleinman said.

The University of Chicago is an example. Admissions counselor Noonan Ngwane explained that the University desires students who contribute to their community.

Tulane University's admissions counselor Anthony Austin agreed.

"Community service is very important to us. It indicates to us that these prospective students are well-rounded. ... So the more community service hours we see on academic resumes, the more we love it!"

The office of admissions at Oberlin College said community service is admirable, but stressed that it is not the deciding factor when reviewing students for admissions.

"Students who have done exceptional community service work are as desirable as students who are outstanding athletes, writers, dancers or students who have done important things in their community through other organizations," admissions counselor Aaron Milenski said.

For students who are not currently involved in community service, grades and test scores are still the most coomon ways to impress colleges and universities.

Boston University includes community service as one of many activities but ranks academics much higher as the deciding factor in the admissions process.

"Community service is certainly looked at as an admirable quality in a prospective student, but it would not make or break an application," Boston University student Laura Matton said.

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> ***-Gerimae Kleinman, guidance counselor,***

Many students looking toward college are concerned about community service.

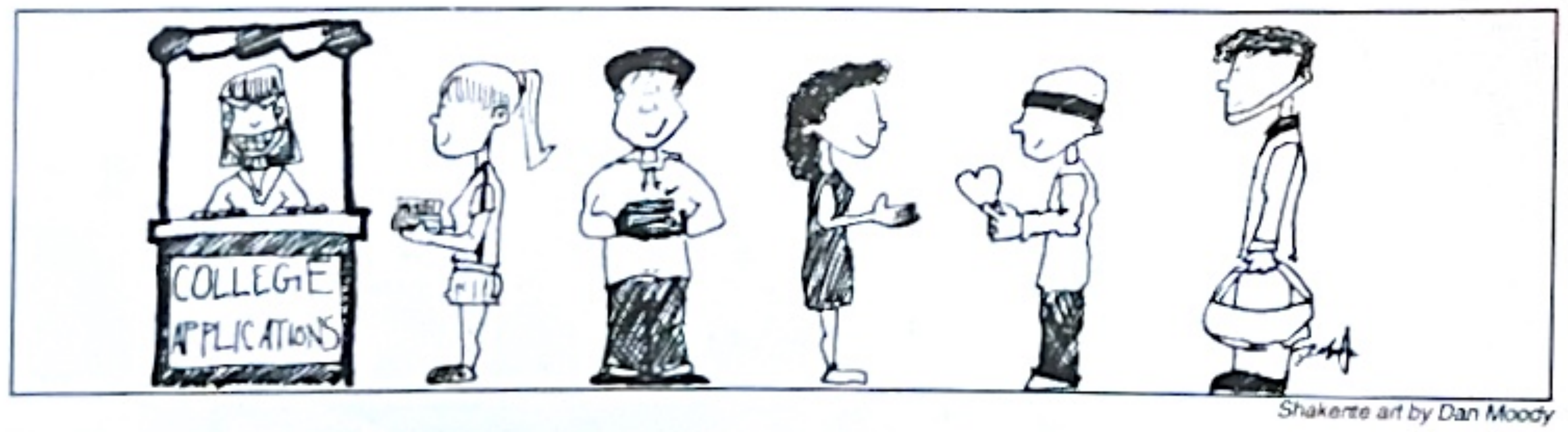
"I think community service should be required because it looks good to colleges and it can give us an edge on the competition," sophomore Rich Rund said.

Regardless of the reasons, the results of community service are universal. People benefit from the help and those who give often times receive something much more precious in return.

"Community service is definitely not a waste of time because there are so many ways we can help so many people that any type of service to the community is definitely not wasted," said senior Beth Moore.

"I think it's an awesome thing to do, not only because colleges look at it as a good thing but because it makes you feel good," junior Sarah Wick said.

Jesse Griffiths contributed to this article



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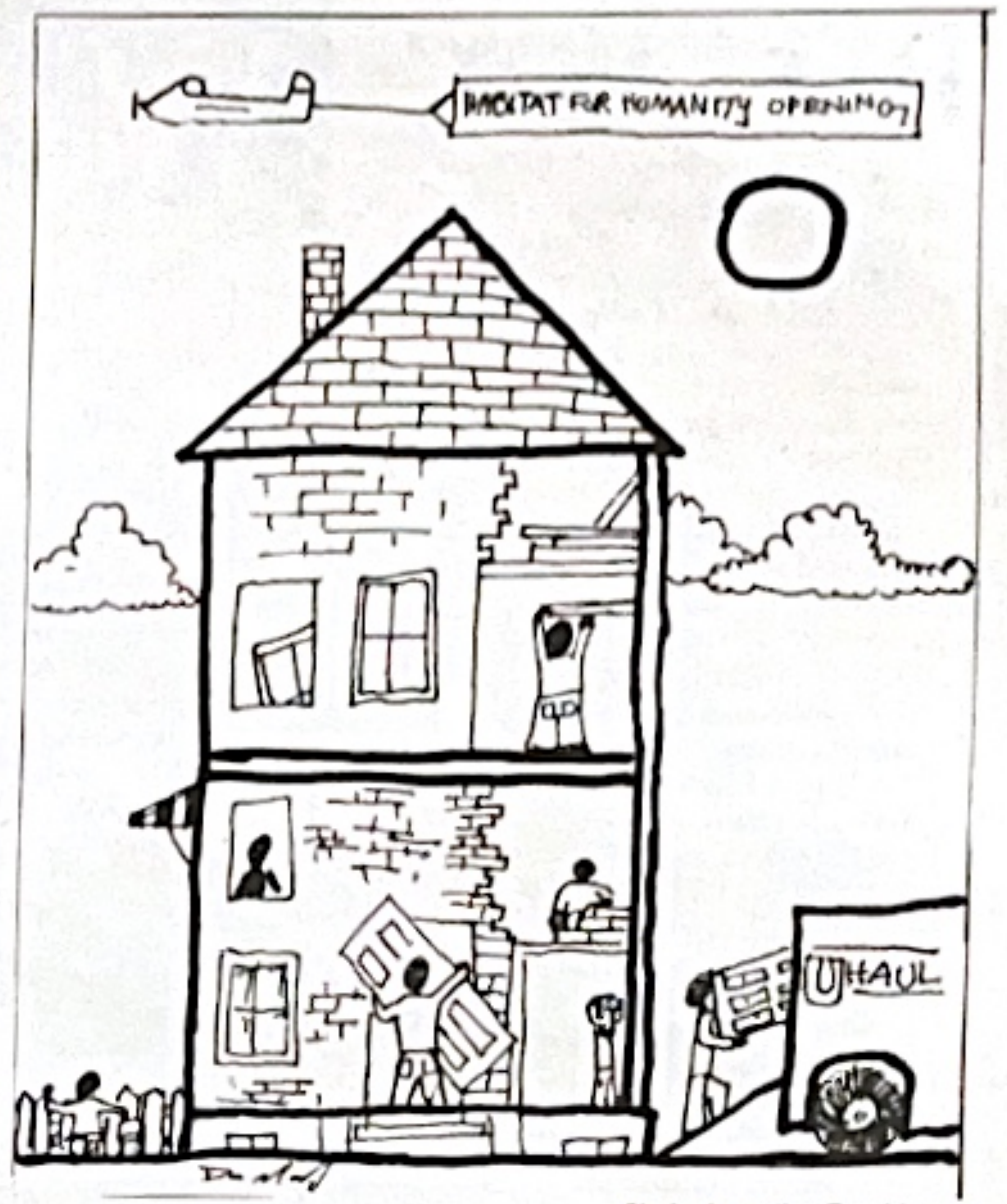

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A summer of service

BY ANNA DALEY
Staff Reporter

Herding elk doesn't sound much like a community service project, but ask Beth Moore and she'll tell you to think again.

Over the summer, sophomore Sarah Ronis, senior Beth Moore and senior Caitlin Masini participated in extensive community service projects.

Ronis and four other Shaker students left for Israel on the Kehillah Project. The project is part of the Nesiya Institute, a program that organizes four trips to Israel each summer.

"We were in Israel for six weeks between June 29 and Aug. 11, and worked on three projects. Between each week of work was a week of sight-seeing and hiking," Ronis explained.

Lending a helping hand. Shaker student Elyssa Auster shows her artistic streak while painting a mural in Israel.

Shakerite Photo courtesy of Elyssa Auster

The first project was in the Bedouin community of Tel Sheva. The group designed and built a train out of cinder blocks for the children of the local school. This task involved five days of hard work, according to Ronis.

For the second project, students painted a huge mural on the front of the community center in Beit Shean. The third project entailed work at a home for mentally challenged adults in Jerusalem. The group worked in their garden and took trips with the residents.

The program, according to Ronis, immersed the students in the culture of Israel because of the community service involved.

"You feel more like a visitor than a tourist," Ronis said. "You don't feel as foreign. The point of the trip was to make friends and to emphasize building and working with communities."

A little closer to home, at Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota, Moore spent a month with five other people helping out at the park.

"We camped out, built trails and helped with bio-control [keeping track of elk herds]," Moore said.

Junior and senior students came from all over the country to participate.

"It was gorgeous out there and it was nice to be able to contribute and help preserve the environment while meeting new people," Moore said.

Masini spent 10 days in Comitancillo, Guatemala. During that time, she helped build a Bible institute, which involved breaking rocks with sledge hammers for a cobblestone road and grouting bricks. She also helped out by giving medical treatments such as vaccinations at the institute clinic and playing sports with local children.

All three students expressed a sense of enrichment as a result of their service to others.

"Doing the manual labor really gave me a sense of accomplishing something for the people. We made a tangible contribution of our mental and physical commitment to the people," Masini said.

Ways to reach out:

- Explorer Post 100
  Shaker Lakes Nature Center
  contact Jessie Knowles
  991-6249
- Enchanted Forest Program
  Shaker Lakes Nature Center
  contact Cathy Colp
  321-5935
- Case Western Reserve
  looking for students
  interested in environment,
  tutoring and other activities
  contact Jaremie Maehr
  368-6960
- Shaker Heights Wellness Council
  Summer internships dealing
  with health improvement
- Shaker Heights Kennel
  contact Bruce Motika
  491-1490
- *Unmanned Recycling Station*
  contact Hannah Stern
  491-1490
- Interact
  tutoring Thursday 4:30 to 7:30
  starting next week,
  holds Earnathon, does
  Habitat for Humanity,
  food drive with YEH
  adviser Antonious Bragg
  room 133
- Youth Ending Hunger
  holds November Spaghetti
  Dinner, December Food Drive
  adviser Kimberly Ponce
  De Leon
  room 222
- Jewish Community Center
  offers a variety of different
  community service activities
  contact Beth Curtiss
  831-0700 ext. 355

Information compiled by David Distelhorst

Wierd But True *Shakerite Source: Incredibly Amazing Facts*

- A Snake can have up to 300 pairs of ribs.
- A cow was once sentenced to two days in prison for eating the lawn outside the courthouse in Wellington, New Zealand.
- There is enough potassium in the human body to fire a small cannon.
- People shed a complete layer of skin every month.
- Mosquitos prefer to bite light-haired people.
- Sound travels so well in the Arctic that on a still day you can hear a conversation from a distance of 1.8 miles away.

Nate's picks and previews

BY NATE LEVIN
Staff Reporter

The start of another school year means many things. No more sleeping until noon, no more Taco Bell runs at 1:30 a.m., but best of all, no more re-runs! That's right, a new school year also means the start of the new fall primetime lineup. I have carefully selected this fall's best programs for your viewing pleasure. This includes shows appearing on Sunday through Thursday nights for network TV. And now, without further ado, I present Nate's picks of '97.

Sophomore Nate Levin picks what's hot and what's not for TV this fall.
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SUNDAY

8:00-8:30 *The Simpsons*/Fox

Some say that *The Simpsons* have had their time in the spotlight, but the now-classic show is still my pick on Sundays at 8. This was a hard decision to make as NBC's hillarious *Men Behaving Badly* once again rivals Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie.

8:30-9:00 *Jenny*/NBC

NBC airs its new sitcom *Jenny*, which features the former MTV personality, Jenny McCarthy. Again, another hard decision between this show and *Unhappily Ever After* on The WB.

9:00-10:00 *The X-Files*/Fox

Enough said! This mega-hit, in just a few short seasons, has already developed a cult following. Agents Mulder and Scully return for another scaringly good season.

MONDAY

8:00-9:00 *Melrose Place*/Fox

With a very weak time slot, which includes other shows such as *In the House, Suddenly Susan* and the flop *Cosby*, *Melrose* is the only show worth watching. If you have no other choice, keep watching for the second half of the show to find out who wants who dead, why, and how they're going to do it.

9:00-12:00 *Monday Night Football*/ABC

In its 28th season, the 9 p.m. slot is claimed by *Monday Night Football*. Frank, Al and Dan will once again be making all the calls during this action packed season.

9:30-10:00 *George and Leo*/CBS ***NEW***

The always funny Bob Newhart teams up with Judd Hirsch on this new CBS sitcom. Other than *Monday Night Football* this is your best bet.

TUESDAY

8:00-8:30 *Soul Man*/ABC ***NEW***

Dan Akroyd plays a priest in this new NBC series. The show might not do so well in the ratings as the overly dramatic, occasionally funny *Mad About You* takes viewers on a boring ride through parenthood.

9:00-10:00 *Michael Hayes*/CBS ***NEW***

In this action packed crime drama, David Caruso attempts to bring back his career, after leaving *NYPD Blue* and appearing in *Jade*.

WEDNESDAY

8:00-9:00 *Beverly Hills 90210*/Fox

I'm going to use a Chris Rock analogy on this one. Watching *90210* is a lot like John Tesh albums. No one admits to it, but there are thousands who like his music. Going on its seventh season, *90210* is still your best bet.

8:30-9:00 *Murphy Brown*/CBS

If *90210* gets boring, there's always *Murphy Brown*. The witty news reporter returns for an all new season of belittling the government and harrassing the famous.

9:00-9:30 *The Drew Carey Show*/ABC

Sorry *Party of Five* fans, *Drew* wins the 9 p.m. spot. The Cleveland native's comedy style is more entertaining than the unreal story of life without parents.

9:30-10:00 *The Wayans Brothers*/The WB

This extremely funny and original show is very underrated, in my opinion. Be sure to check out the equally good comedy, *Working*, which features Shaker graduate, Sarah Knowlton.

THURSDAY

8:00-8:30 *Friends*/NBC

Thursday nights belong to NBC this fall. The evening begins with the immensely popular *Friends*. Even though the show may be running out of creative story lines, the show has no competition other than Fox's *Living Single*, which is getting old.

8:30-9:00 *Union Square*/NBC ***NEW***

This show is about life at a diner located inside a New York City bus station. This show is expected to be a sharp-edged comedy from the creators of *Caroline in the City*.

9:00-9:30 *Seinfeld*/NBC

They're baaack! Jerry, George, Kramer and Elaine are back for another season of nothingness. With no plot, this comedy is still a winner.

9:00-10:00 *Veronica's Closet*/NBC ***NEW***

NBC night continues with Kirstie Alley's new show about a romance novelist who has several personal problems to deal with. This show is from the creators of *Friends* and is expected to be a big hit.

What's Goin' On?

√ **Ekoostik Hookah**
-The Odeon, Oct. 3 & 4
√ **Magnet featuring Moe Tucker**
-The Grog Shop, Oct. 3
√ **Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys**
-The Grog Shop, Oct. 4
√ **Robert Hunter**
-Akron Civic Theatre, Oct. 4
√ **Creed**
-Peabody's Down Under, Oct. 6
√ **Common Sense and King Ov Heartz**
-Peabody's Down Under, Oct. 7
√ **Love Spit Love**
-The Agora, Oct. 8
√ **The Freddy Jones Band**
-The Odeon, Oct. 9
√ **Steve Wynn**
-The Grog Shop, Oct. 10
√ **Jonathan Richman**
-The Grog Shop, Oct. 13
√ **Third Eye Blind**
-The Odeon, Oct. 16
√ **Leon Redbone and John Hammond**
-The Odeon, Oct. 17
√ **Foo Fighters**
-The Agora, Oct. 19
√ **Motley Crue**
-CSU Convocation Center, Oct. 22
√ **Matchbox 20**
-The Agora, Oct. 24
√ **Pat Benatar**
-The Odeon, Oct. 26
√ **Steve Winwood**
-Cleveland Music Hall, Oct. 26
√ **Ben Folds Five**
-Lakewood Civic Auditorium, Oct. 31
√ **K.D. Lang**
-E.J. Thomas Hall, Oct. 31
√ **Blues Traveler**
-Akron Civic Theatre, Nov. 3
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The Glass Cat is unbreakable

Band featuring Shaker students and alumni score record deal

BY AMY COHEN
A&E Editor

In the time span of only one year, the five-man band who call themselves The Glass Cat, have already scored themselves a record deal and are currently producing their first album, "The Search for Antimatter."

The successful band is made up of both current high school students and alumni from both Shaker and Hudson.

Junior Nick Burns plays rhythm guitar while senior Justin Swegart does the vocals. Shaker graduate Nikhil Chand is the band's lead guitarist with Elijah Gilmore on drums and Hudson graduate Kabir Bhatia playing bass guitar.

While the band's name has remained the same through the years, the members haven't.

The current five members have not always been together, and according to Chand, the present members met under unusual circumstances.

"The formation of the band is a story and a half. Glass Cat was already together, and I joined temporarily as a sit-in for a studio session and a gig," said Chand.

"I ended up staying with the band. I knew Elijah and Kabir so I brought them in, and it was a totally new band with the same name."

While there's a history to the band's name, the same goes for The Glass Cat's music style.

"Our music is similar to older bands like Kansas and Yes," said Burns. "Niki wants to incorporate some blues into our music, yet at the same time we're bringing back art rock."

While other bands have had some influence on The Glass Cat's style of music, their lyrics are strictly original and unique.

"I write all the songs. The lyrics have specific meanings. One's about aliens called 'Sigma.' It's about the search for intelligence," said Burns. "We don't write all our songs about girls and breakups. Every song is different."

HARD AT WORK. (From left to right) band members Niki Chand, Nick Burns and producer Mark Baranauskas.
Shakerite photo courtesy of Nick Burns

Being different is what has made this band successful. The Glass Cat has played at Peabody's five times and have entertained at a couple of parties and various small joints.

Needless to say, with all the practicing and performing, the hard work has paid off. The Glass Cat took their musical careers one step further last winter.

"We signed onto a contract in December of '96, which allows for our first album to be produced," said Chand. "We are working on it right now at Suma Recording Studio. It will be engineered and produced by Shaker graduates Mark Baranauskas and Will Eadie."

With their first album due out this summer, the band is preparing for their travels abroad.

"We're going to be doing shows this fall. We'll do lots of shows this spring to support the album," said Burns. "There is going to be a release party for the CD when it comes out this summer. The album will be sold at local book stores and the Record Exchange."

While the band talks about the future, according to Burns, The Glass Cat will always keep in mind the goal which they see as a first priority.

"Most importantly, we want to have fun, but we also are looking toward the future because we hope to play at more shows and produce more music," Burns said.

SHAKER'S STARS:

Two grads leave mark on Broadway and TV

BY AMY COHEN
A&E Editor

"I've worked with some very talented kids, but none like Michael and Sarah," Theatre Department head, James Thornton said of Shaker graduates Michael McElroy('85) and Sarah Knowlton('87). The two alumni who once took great interest in theatre during high school, have continued their acting careers and are now making it big.

McElroy is the most recent addition to the cast of the Broadway hit, "Rent," in which he plays lead character Tom Collins, a gay computer-age philosopher. While Knowlton can't be found much on stage anymore, she can still be seen on the new NBC comedy series, *Working*, premiering this fall. She will also be in the premiering episode of the new NBC adventure series, *Players*.

McElroy's and Knowlton's love for acting was evident even in high school. McElroy was very active in the drama program while attending Shaker.

During his sophomore year, McElroy was the music director for the play, "Runaways." He took on major responsibility by working with the choir and instrumental music while at the same time playing the lead in the show.

"Michael was always so much fun to work with," recalled Thornton. "He was genuinely amazing and fun."

While attending Shaker, McElroy received second place in the National Art Search. After graduating, McElroy attended Carnegie Mellon University to continue his drama studies. While still in college, he joined the Touring Company of *Sarafina*, to become the first non-African in the production.

McElroy also was an understudy in "Miss Saigon" before moving onto "Tommy" which was performed on Broadway.

Although two years younger, Knowlton still has her list of accomplishments which also began during high school.

As a sophomore she had the lead in Shakespeare's play "As You Like It," which will also be performed this year on Dec. 4, 5, and 6.

"Sarah was always challenging you as a director," said Thornton. "She had a lot of humor and was very funny."

After high school, Knowlton continued her study of theatre arts at Northwestern University and then went on to earn a Master's of fine arts degree at Yale.

After college, Knowlton left New Haven for New York City where she spent five months without an acting job and instead worked as a cocktail waitress and did other temporary jobs.

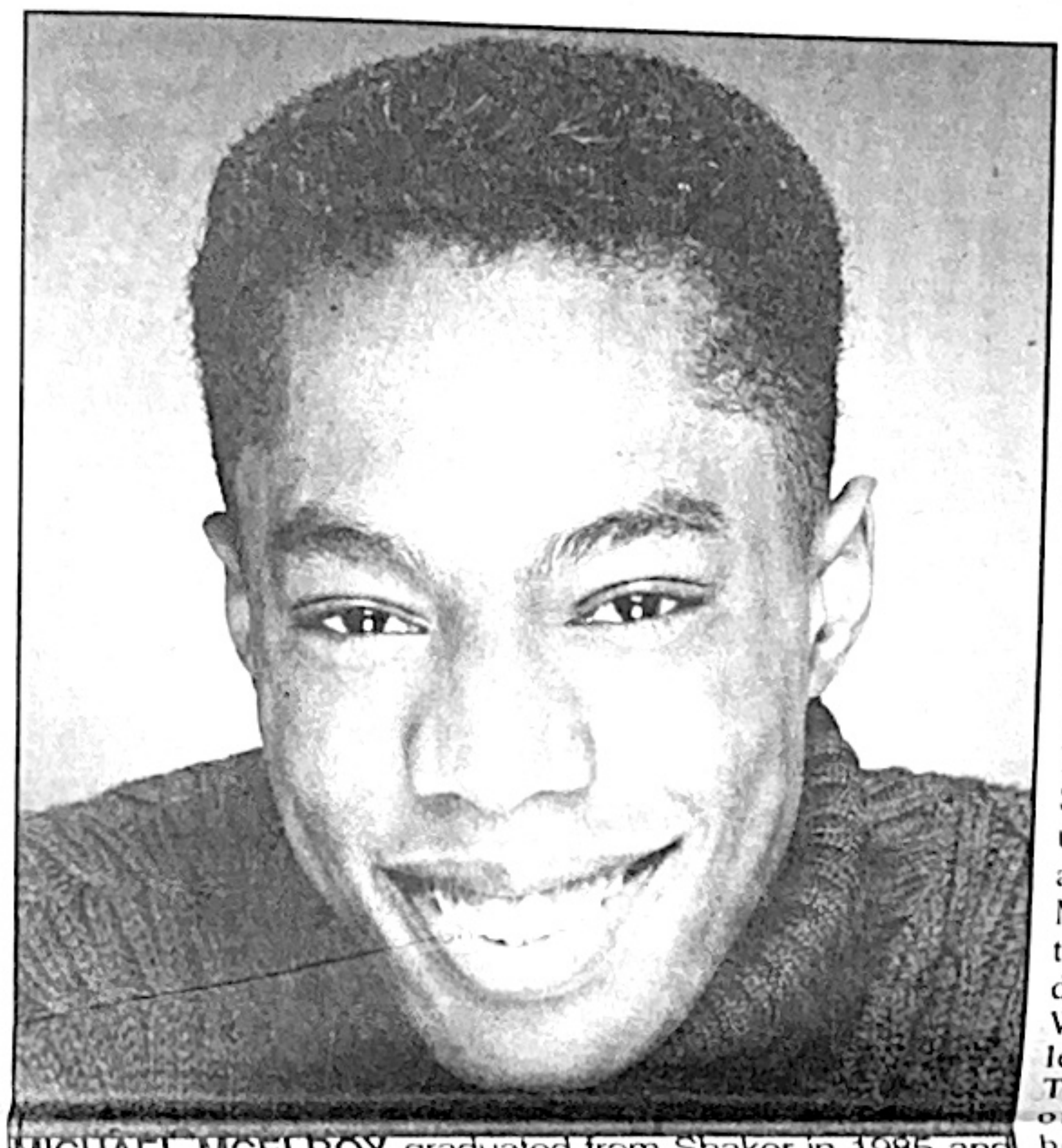
Eventually luck found its way to Knowlton and she did a guest shot as a lawyer on *New York Undercover* and a recurring role on *As the World Turns* as the single mother of a deaf child.

It was not until last winter that Knowlton started to audition for different TV series when she scored two roles for NBC.

Along with making her TV debu on *Working*, she also made he first big screen appearance in *Object of My Affection*, starring Jennifer Aniston, in which Knowlton is featured in three scenes.

While fame and fortune have smiled on Michael McElroy and Sarah Knowlton, according to Thornton, the two haven't forgotten where their dreams originated and the spotlight first shined.

"Even at Shaker, Michael and Sarah both specifically knew what they wanted to do," said Thornton. "They've done it and more."

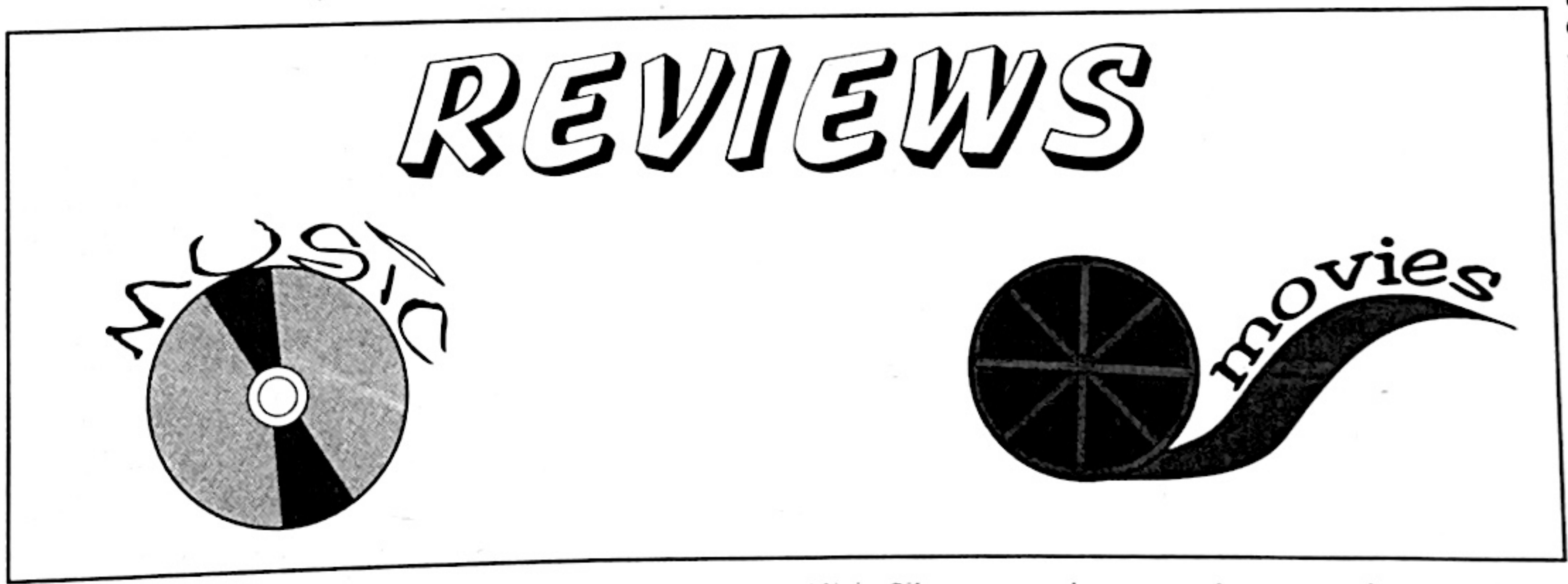


MICHAEL MCELROY graduated from Shaker in 1985 and is now playing the lead in the Broadway musical, "Rent."
Shakerite photo courtesy of Gristmill Archives

Sarah Knowlton

SARAH KNOWLTON graduated from Shaker in 1987 and is now starring in the NBC sitcom, *Working*.
Shakerite photo courtesy of James Thornton

Tasty Apple but less Baggage



BY STEPHANIE WEEKS
Staff Reporter

"Tidal," the debut album by 19 year old Fiona Apple is a collaboration of jazzy songs and some Alanis Morisette-type anger.

"Sleep to Dream," one of the singles released off the album is about a boyfriend who once adored Apple, but now has left her. Apple is apparently not happy about this, and she expresses it with some pretty biting lyrics.

Her second release was "Criminal," which explains how she told her boyfriend about an affair (or maybe, judging by the video, affairs) that she had which left her feeling guilty.

"Shadowboxer," another single released off the album is a slow song that definitely displays Apple's great singing ability.

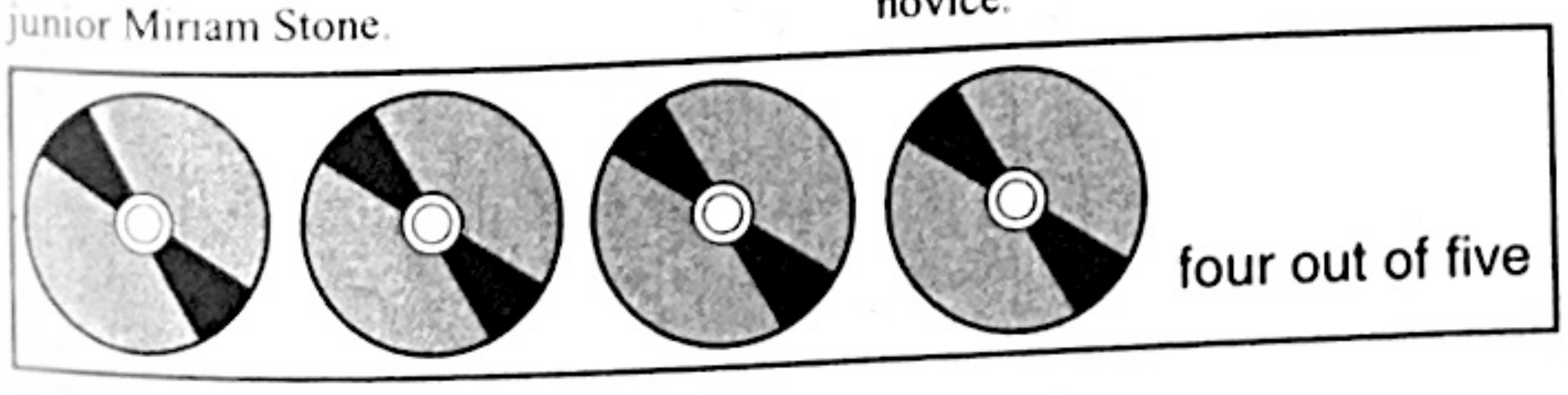
Another song a lot of people like, but which hasn't been released, is "Never a Promise," a favorite among listeners like junior Miriam Stone.

"The song, like the entire album, captivates and entrances its listeners," said Stone.

Her songs generally have a slow, somber beat to them with some pretty deep and poetic lyrics.

The music is great if you're into that whole deep, inner feeling, emotional stuff, or if you want some nice background music.

The songs can seem a little whiny at times, but it definitely grows on you. While Fiona Apple's "Tidal" may not appeal to all, it certainly is an excellent debut album, especially for a 19 year old novice.



four out of five

BY DAWN HUCKELBRIDGE
Staff Reporter

If you haven't seen *Excess Baggage* yet, don't bother. Directed by Marco Brambilla, it is the story of a rich business man's neglected daughter, played by Alicia Silverstone, who sets up her own kidnapping. Just after she has cuffed her hands, gagged her mouth, and hopped into the trunk of her car, a car thief happens to break in and drives off with Silverstone in the trunk.

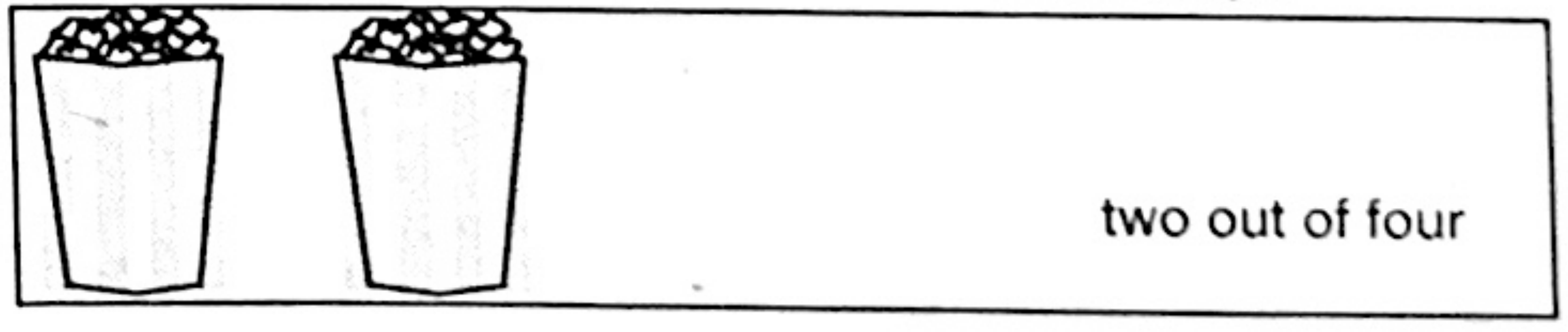
Silverstone's character, Emily Hope, is an impulsive, attention-hungry teenager in search of her father's love.

Her car thief, who eventually becomes Emily's boyfriend, Vincent, is the slow, grungy type who just wants to make money. Car thief or not, Vincent is sweet enough to make Emily want to stick around. Emily and Vincent end up working as a team to escape Emily's mobster uncle, played by Christopher Walken, who is on to their schemes. During the chase between Walken and the couple, Emily and Vincent discover their love for each other.

With a few twists and turns, *Excess Baggage* is a predictable romantic drama which is entertaining, but slow starting. The plot, or lack there of, can be sluggish and tedious at times, but the movie has its moments.

If the movie doesn't satisfy you, maybe the soundtrack will. It includes such bands as the Wallflowers, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and the Dave Matthews Band.

Excess Baggage is a good date movie or back-up plan, but it can definitely be saved for a Blockbuster night.



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Top 10 Songs Played on the jukebox in the social room

10. Jump On It
9. Weak
8. Soul Food
7. Cell Therapy
6. Jump On It
5. In the City
4. Fantasy (bad boy remix)
3. I'm Real
2. Pass the Mic
1. Jump On It

After 13 years of cutting-edge journalism, Schwartz steps down

BY CAITLIN MASINI
Feature Editor

From bringing the *Shakerite* into the computer age to making the paper one of the first to covering controversial issues such as AIDS, English teacher Sally Schwartz has stepped down from her position as faculty advisor of the *Shakerite*, a post she has held for the past 13 years.

Schwartz's roots in journalism date back to high school when she was the editor-in-chief of her school paper. In college she took also took classes in journalism. When she came to the high school 14 years ago, she became the journalism teacher and the advisor of *Shakerite*.

"I remember my first staff because we made major changes and ran with them and the excitement of that. Each staff was unique and special and different in its own way. It was hard to leave because of that," Schwartz said.

The newspaper evolved over Schwartz's tenure. In "87 when she helped the *Shakerite* to become one of the first student papers in northeast Ohio to move to computer production. Originally the staff had only one computer to work with. They now use six.

"The biggest obstacle was the computer; keeping up with all of the computer trends, new things, and getting new equipment. I always liked to be on the cutting edge," Schwartz said.

The paper has been on the cutting edge of issues as well. In '87 the *Shakerite* was one of the first papers to cover issues such as AIDS, the racial imbalance in upper-level classes and drugs. The front page of an '86 paper was a picture of drug paraphernalia, followed a few years later by a picture of a gun, a walkie-talkie and handcuffs, (the issue was increased security at the high school), still a familiar matter today Schwartz said any time a controversy has come up it has been the students' responsibility to deal with it and she has been proud of their actions.

"I always believed that this was a student paper and I was there only as an advisor. There was pride in that students were always in charge and I was always amazed at how they handled themselves. They learn to move on and I have never been disappointed in them," Schwartz said.

Students felt that Schwartz gave them input, but would let them make the final decision.

"Mrs. Schwartz always respected our decisions when it came time to decide what to print. She would give her input and advise us, but she understood that the *Shakerite* is a student paper and that it was our responsibility to print what we saw fit," Editor-in-Chief '94-'95 Courtney Masini said.

Each year the staffs have faced new challenges, but Schwartz said she enjoyed the excitement of covering the latest issues and events at Shaker.

"I've gotten satisfaction both with students and excitement of being in touch and keeping pace with what's going on," Schwartz said.

Students said they have also felt a special bond with Schwartz over the years.

"Mrs. Schwartz is a truly special person. She really knows how to work with students - both on a personal and professional level," Editor-in-Chief '95-'96 Debbie Libman said.

One of Schwartz's favorite experiences as advisor was working with students for four years, from journalism class to editorship. Many of them have gone on to careers involving journalism including Peter Routman, Jeremy Kahn, and the *Plain Dealer* reporter Amy Rosewater.

"One thing I loved was seeing the growth of students for four years. We really had strong bonds and that was the major reason I loved being advisor," Schwartz said.

Natalie Sekicky has taken over as advisor and teacher of journalism classes.

Schwartz will continue teaching English classes at the high school and in her newly acquired free time hopes to spend more time taking piano lessons. She will also become a grandmother in November.

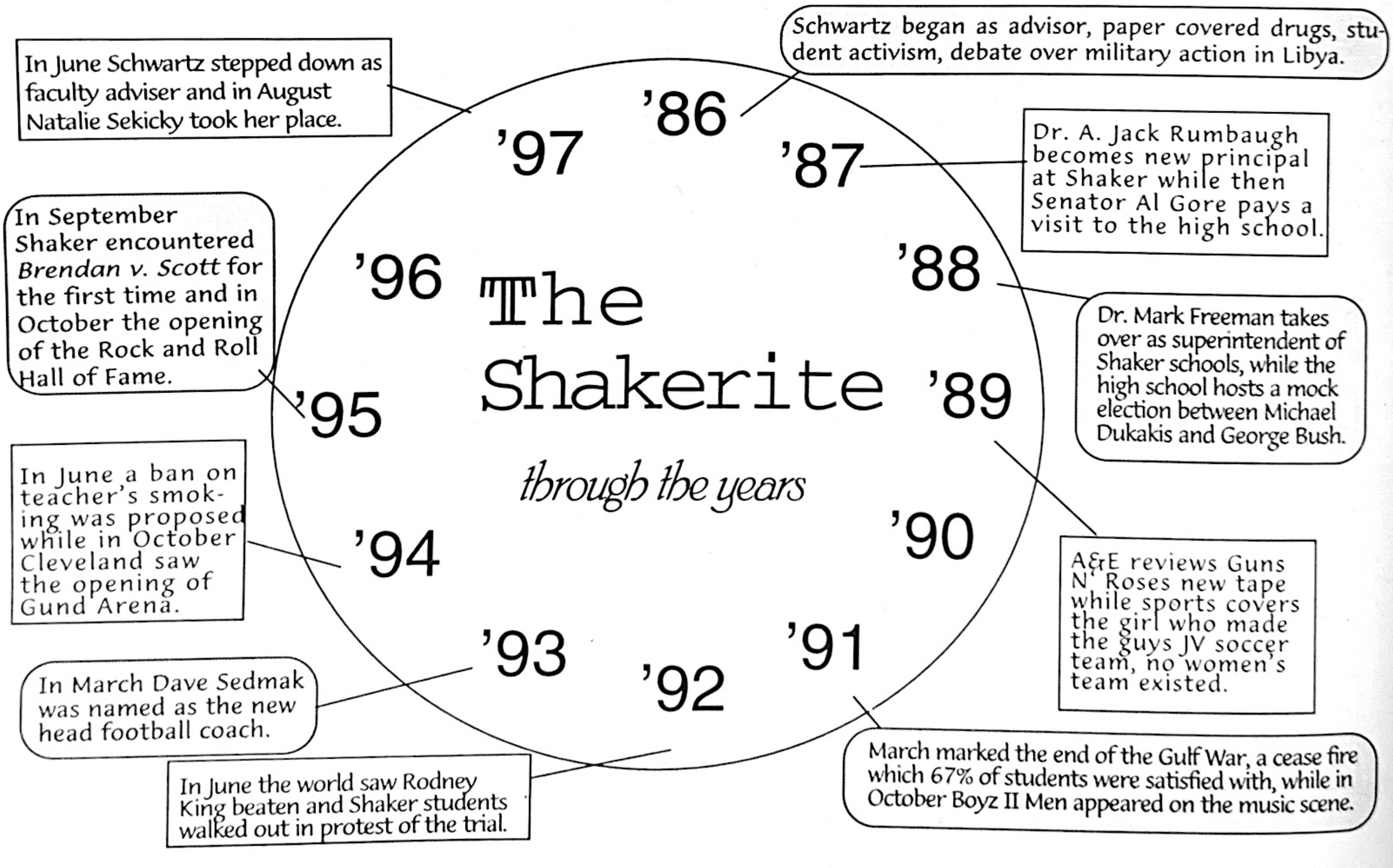
She has been relocated to room 306 in the high school.

"I miss the kids and I'm really excited to see the first issue this year. I'm hoping that they find me in room 306 to come visit me," Schwartz said.

A teacher recently asked Schwartz the difference between this year and last year and she replied that her room has become a lot quieter.

"I used to share my room with 20 or

CATCHING UP ON THE NEWS. *Even in her free time Sally Schwartz reads the Shakerite.*
Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller



The Shakerite *through the years*

Schwartz began as advisor, paper covered drugs, student activism, debate over military action in Libya.

Dr. A. Jack Rumbaugh becomes new principal at Shaker while then Senator Al Gore pays a visit to the high school.

Dr. Mark Freeman takes over as superintendent of Shaker schools, while the high school hosts a mock election between Michael Dukakis and George Bush.

A&E reviews Guns N' Roses new tape while sports covers the girl who made the guys JV soccer team, no women's team existed.

March marked the end of the Gulf War, a cease fire which 67% of students were satisfied with, while in October Boyz II Men appeared on the music scene.

In June the world saw Rodney King beaten and Shaker students walked out in protest of the trial.

In March Dave Sedmak was named as the new head football coach.

In June a ban on teacher's smoking was proposed while in October Cleveland saw the opening of Gund Arena.

In September Shaker encountered *Brendan v. Scott* for the first time and in October the opening of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

In June Schwartz stepped down as faculty adviser and in August Natalie Sekicky took her place.

Shaker alum brings Hollywood home

Counterforce producer, actors share tips with theater students

BY SHAILA SHAH
Staff Reporter

It's not unusual for Shaker graduates to return their alma mater.

But it's not everyday that actors who have worked with Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwartzeneger tag along.

Producer Louis Allen Schechter, a Shaker graduate, brought Michael Rooker and Robert Patrick with him to talk about *Counterforce*, the new movie being produced by Schechter and starring Rooker and Patrick. Rooker has previously starred in *Cliffhanger*, *J F K*, and *Eight Men Out*, while Patrick has been in *Terminator 2*, *Striptease*, and *Copland*. The trio came to the Shaker auditorium stage, where they shared ideas about acting with the ensemble and journalism classes.

"I'm getting all that I paid for," Schechter said.

The actors expressed diverse feelings about their craft. Rooker, whose enthusiasm was evident, engaged the audience with theatrical movement, while Patrick sat quietly and complemented Rooker's performance. Both emphasized the importance of physical traits in creating a character.

"For *Cliffhanger*, I worked out for two months before starting," Rooker said.

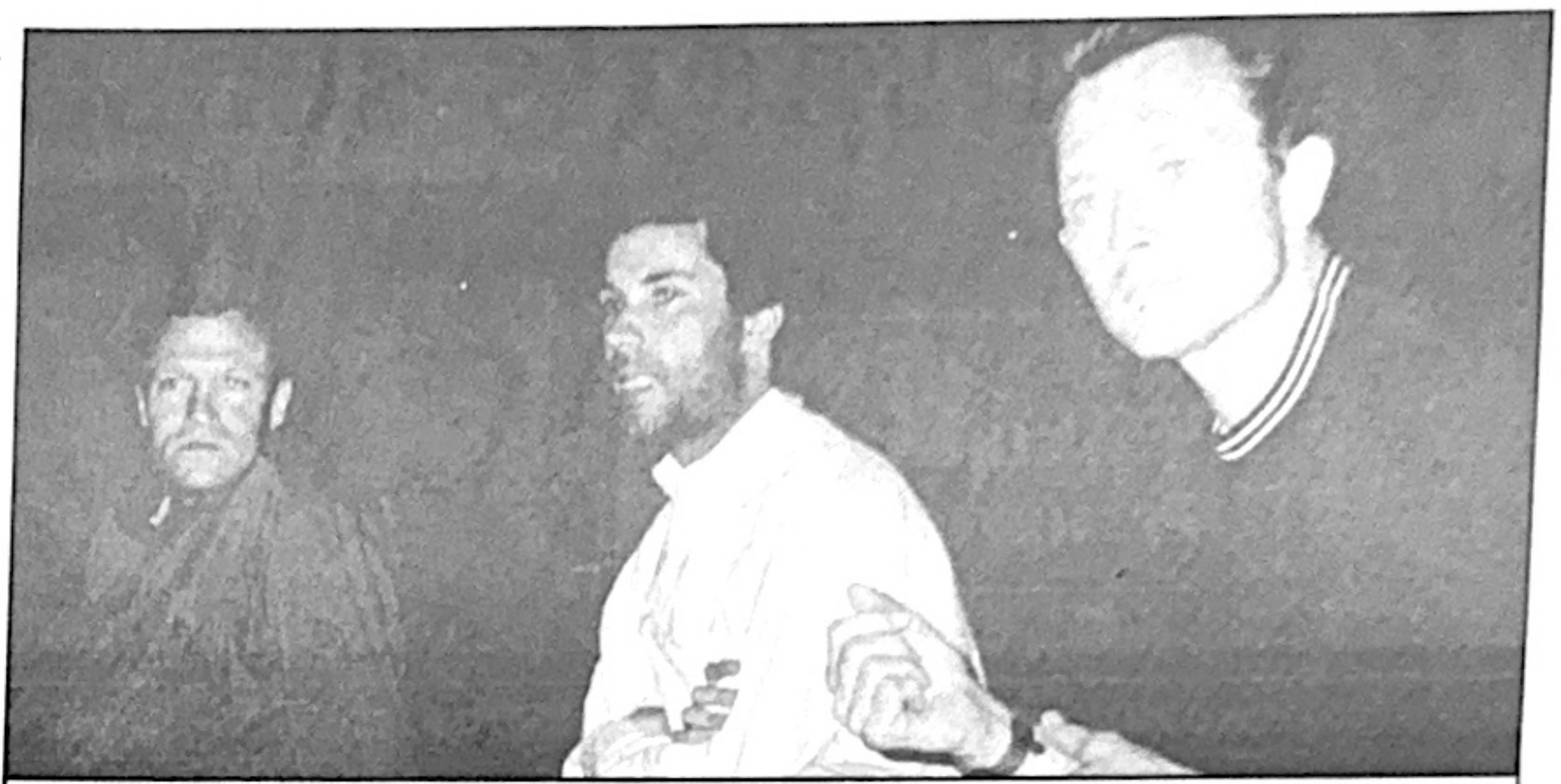
For *Counterforce* , Rooker soaked in an ice bath every night for an hour or two to relieve pain that arose from doing his own stunts.

Patrick said his work in *Fire In The Sky* echoed Rooker's experience.

"I went from 155 to almost 200 pounds," Patrick said. "I wanted to have that lumberjack feeling."

Both agreed that money plays a big part in the industry and in their personal choices of roles.

"The more money, the faster I read the script!" Patrick said. Rooker agreed, noting that he accepted a less-than-desirable role in the critically panned film *Mallrats* because the offer was too good to refuse.



Hooray for Hollywood. Shaker grad Louis Allen Schechter (middle), Michael Rooker (left) and Robert Patrick(right) speak to students about the acting industry and *Counterforce*, an upcoming movie.

Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller

Students in the audience enjoyed meeting the actors and had positive feelings about the presentation.

"They were very relaxed, and what they said had relevance to our class," sophomore Erin Sudow said. "Michael Rooker was my favorite. He was really funny and he made me want to listen."

Freshman Brittany Stevens also liked Rooker best.

"He joked around and seemed really nice. He was really funny too," Stevens said.

Schechter started working on action films in high school. One year he was filming a theater production in which a boy rode a bicycle across the stage. The boy lost control and rode the bike right into Schechter. The camera had a great action shot with the tire riding straight at it. From then on Schechter wanted to work with action films.

"I'm glad it happened. A lot of good came out of the incident," Thornton said.

Activities offer students diverse experiences

Marching Band

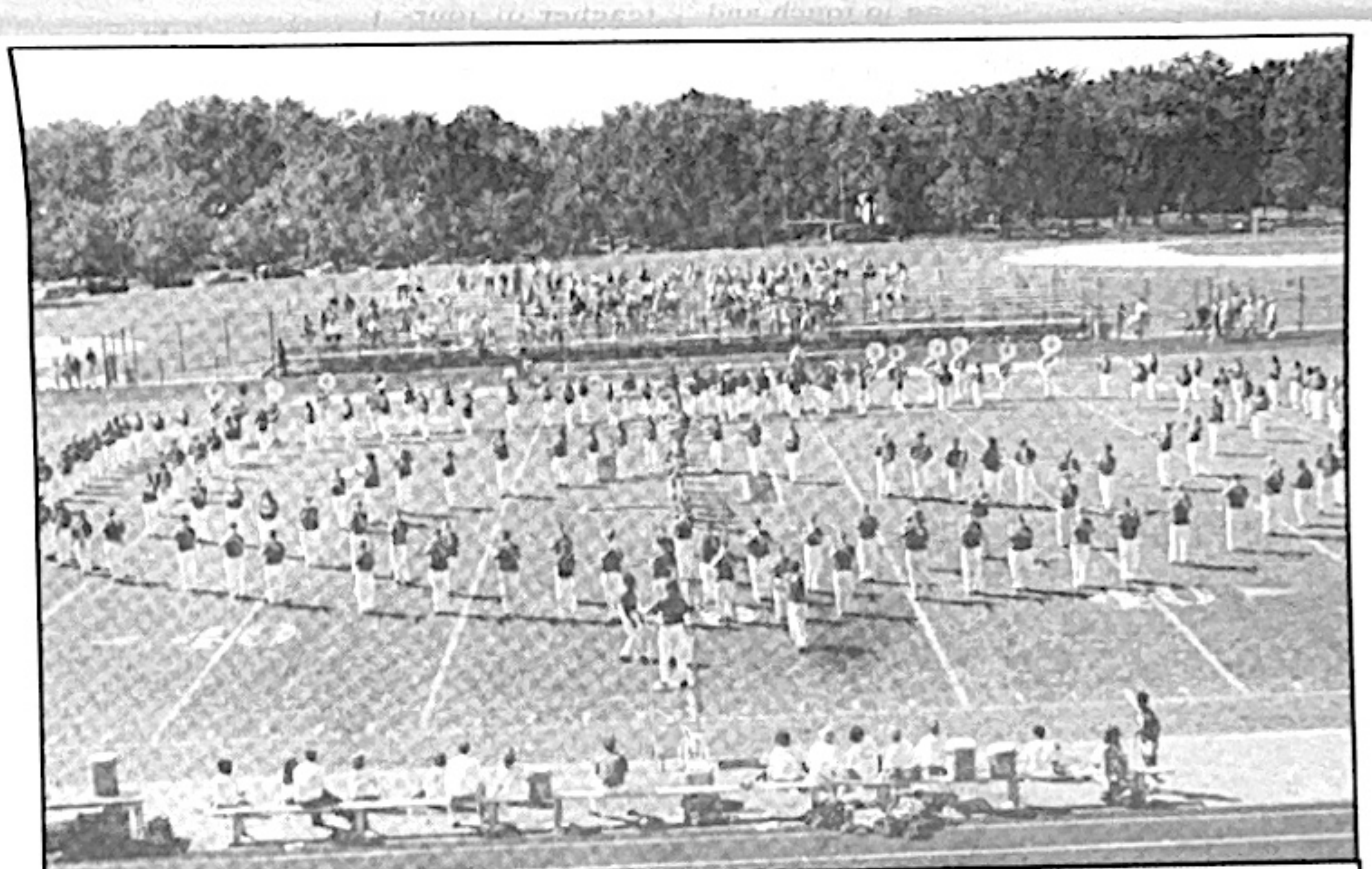
The Red Raider marching band also known as The Pride of Shaker Heights has a new director. Thomas Deep has joined the directing team from Riverside. He has brought many new and innovative ideas with him including the Beatles Tribute Show, for which he arranged the music.

The band has performed at all home and away football games this season and recently hosted the third annual Sounds of Shaker band show. Performing bands included Beachwood, Riverside, Chardon, and Warrensville Heights High School's bands.

The band is looking forward to its European tour to Germany in the spring to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the exchange with the Ratsgymnasium in Goslar.

"I think Mr. Deep has been outstanding addition to the music department. Knowledge and enthusiasm are only part of his numerous contributions. My only disappointment is that I will only be a part of his program for one year, and I know that we have only begun to see what he can do," band co-president senior Dina Levi said.

-Caitlin Masini



Just give a peace a chance. The Red Raider marching band under the direction of Tom Deep, creates a peace symbol during their Beatles Tribute show.

Shakerite photo by Elizabeth Angney

S.G.O.R.R.

This year is a time of change for SGORR Differences this year will include branching out the program to fourth grade classes, work with a group in Michigan with similar goals, and a web page, which will soon be created.

Additionally, the club's interaction with sixth grade classes will be limited this year, as members will be given less the time than previous years in the classrooms.

"The changes are really frustrating. We're wondering if the administration really appreciates or realizes what we're trying to do," senior Danielle Thorton said.

-Emily Hoffman

Israeli Culture Club

One of Shaker's newest clubs, the Israeli Culture Club, focuses on learning about and enjoying the culture of Israel

The club has held two meetings and elected co-presidents sophomore Lindy Kramer and junior Judah Ariel. The advisor is Terry Pollack. There are currently more than 20 members of the club.

The club has discussed personal connections to Israel and recent politics in the Middle East. Members need not be Jewish to join.

"The club is a great way to learn about Israel and become involved. Everyone is welcome!" Ariel said.

The club is one of many in area schools such as Solon and Beachwood. Activities between schools may be planned.

-Emily Hoffman

Latin Club

Latin Club is currently planning its year, according to Co-Council Mike Lee. They are planning fundraisers and events such as a costume contest, an arts and crafts competition and maybe a float in the Homecoming parade

The club is also going to the Latin jeopardy national convention in March to compete with other Latin Clubs and to meet people on a national level, according to Lee.

"So far the club has been pretty small and if you join there is a very good chance of getting a big voice. In other clubs you hardly count, but here you get lots of responsibilities," Lee said.

-Caitlin Masini

JCWA/SHMUN

The next month is filled with activities for JCWA/SHMUN. This Sunday, the club will be holding a simulation. The topics of torture and Israeli/Palestinian relations will be discussed.

A bulb/candy fundraiser began Oct. 1. Members will spend six days raising money for conferences.

Also, the club will hold an Ultimate Frisbee competition on Oct. 10. All students are welcome to play. Sign-up sheets can obtained from advisor Dennis Hogue and are due today.

-Emily Hoffman

Speech & Debate

Led by captains Eric Bahna, Paul Ip, Laura Brunengraber and David Distelhorst the Speech and Debate team is looking toward a great year. The team competes weekly in policy debate and Lincoln Douglas debate. Debated issues include current events around the world, politics and social issues facing today's society.

"Speech and debate is a great opportunity for students to develop their public speaking skills and to broaden their knowledge on a wide range of issues," Brunengraber said.

-Caitlin Masini

Environmental Club

The Environmental Club has a full year ahead of it. Co-presidents Amber Drechsler and Davey Homans and advisor Robert Sylak are looking forward to hiking, cleaning up Mentor Headlands Beach and involvement with the lawn chemical issue in Shaker Heights. The club will be holding a "Trash to Treasure" sale to raise money for environmental groups and their annual Eco-Fair.

"The club is a mixture of fun and getting work done for the environment," Homans said.

--David Distelhorst

Shaker students react to Cavs' acquisition of Shawn Kemp:

"Kemp is a premier player, and I think the Cavs got the better end of the deal because now they can play a more up tempo style."- Senior Ricardo Spicer

"It will bring an added dimension of excitement to the team."-Junior Peter Morgenstern-Claren

"I like the trade because it brings a star to Cleveland who should help draw more fans to the games."- Freshman Jacob Terry

"It was risky to give up a franchise player like Terrell, but hopefully it will improve the team."-Junior Sarah Alper

Fall sports season round-up

Men's Soccer

Coach: Patrick Sweeney
Captains: Michael Gross, Todd Svec, Max Wolf
Big Game: Oct. 9 vs. Mentor
Home Field: Woodbury

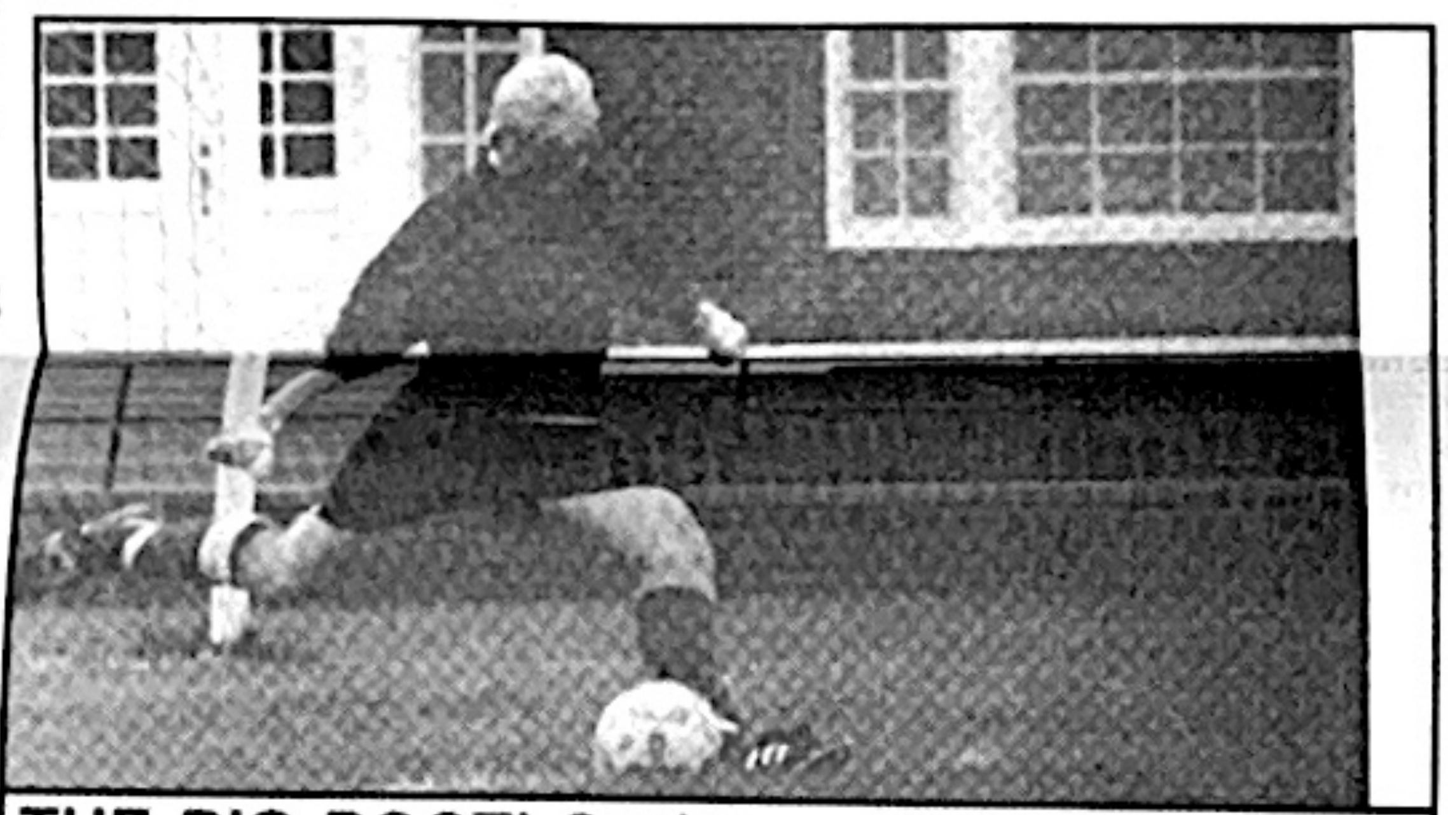
Outlook: According to senior Gross, the team has been inconsistent thus far. "Because we have lost several very close games to top-ranked teams, I don't feel our record accurately reflects how competive we are." The team has been lead offensively by senior Wolf's 10 goals and Gross' 15 assists. Senior goalkeeper Svec is among league leaders with four shutouts. According to senior forward Harry Hanson, in addition to his goalkeeping Svec has inspired teammates with his fiery attitude. The team is looking forward to a possible rematch with either Cleveland Heights or Mentor in the district finals, Svec said.

GETTING HER KICKS! Freshman Jenny Heisler takes a shot on the opposing goalie during a recent game. *Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller*

Women's Soccer

Coach: Robert Bricker
Captains: Jenna Carl, Abbey Fitch, Dina Levi
Big Game: District tournament play
Home Field: Woodbury

Outlook: The women's soccer team is enjoying a winning season. Their achievements have earned them their first ever *Plain Dealer* ranking. The team's success can be attributed in part to a blend of experienced upperclassmen and talented freshmen. Shaker boasts four freshmen in the starting lineup: goalkeeper Erin Forquer, who has recorded five shutouts; defenders Amy Gross and Jessica Blanton and leading goal scorer forward Jenny Heisler. According to Bricker, senior Carl's play and leadership have stepped the team up a level.


THE BIG BOOT! Senior goalkeeper Todd Svec sends a goal kick downfield in a game last month. *Shakerite photo by David Distelhorst*

HOT STICK! Senior Elizabeth Angney has been on fire recently scoring eight goals in three games. *Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller*

Men's Cross Country

Coach: Charles Richard
Captains: Jon Hausman, Greg Ferrari, Paul Keen
Big Meet: L.E.L. Championship
Home Course: Horseshoe Lake

Outlook: While the men's cross country season started slowly, the team pulled off an emotional victory over Cleveland Heights last weekend at the Gilmour Invitational meet and according to senior Hausman are starting to perform up to their abilities. "We had a bad start to the season because we were worn out from preseason, but now things are coming together and if all of us can stay under 19 minutes [for the three miles] we'll be in good shape for the championships," Hausman said. The L.E.L. championships are only a week away, and according to Hausman the team would be thrilled to finish in the top four of the league.

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN. Junior Derrick Tatum rushes past Brush defenders as the football team wins its home opener. *Shakerite photo by Elizabeth Angney*

Field Hockey

Coach: Linda J. Betley
Captains: Melissa Williams, Becky Beamer
Big Game: Sept. 30 at Western Reserve
Home Field: High school front field

Outlook: The field hockey team has had an up and down year, according to senior Maura Malone. Despite dominating opponents as they have in past years, senior Williams said she feels that when the team puts their minds to it, they can play with anyone. Senior Elizabeth Angney agreed that team has great potential. "If we play together as a team I think we can go far in the state tournament." Angney has lead the offense of late, scoring eight goals during a recent three-game winning streak.

Women's Tennis

Coach: Allan Slawson
Captains: All seniors
Big Match: Possible matchup in team tournament district semifinals vs. Medina
Home Court: Onaway Courts

Outlook: The team is enjoying another successful season, Slawson said. They have locked up the L.E.L. championship with an undefeated record in league play. Besides the three senior co-captains the team is fairly young. An especially promising player for the future is freshman Liz Swary, who plays third singles. A positive attitude and emphasis on focus lead to the team's slogan: "What time is it? The time is now."

Volleyball

Coach: Susan Brown
Captain: Shana Heilbron
Big Match: Oct. 3 vs. Warrensville
Home Court: South Gym

Outlook: In coach Brown's third season the volleyball squad finally seems to be gelling, according to senior Heilbron. The team is contending for the Erie division title. According to Brown, the eight seniors form a strong nucleus for the team. Senior Melissa Tribble said the team has rallied around the strong play and leadership of Heilbron. The real test for the team starts Oct. 13 when playoff competiton begins.

Football

Coach: David Sedmak
Captains: All seniors
Big Game: The showdown, Homecoming, Oct. 18 vs. Chardon
Home Field: Russell H. Rupp Stadium

Outlook: The football team is off to a quick start. Their lone loss came at fifth-ranked St. Edward in the first game of the season. With a big 42-20 victory last weekend the team broke a string of poor play at Lakewood's stadium. According to senior Aaron McMickle the team is playing with a lot of confidence. McMickle said if they can play penalty-free football they will be very tough to beat. With a solid offensive line, senior Nate Clements and junior Derrick Tatum have been running wild. Defensively Onaje Grimes and Jason Ward have been consisently pressuring opposing quarterbacks, while Clements and senior Chris Conwell have led a strong secondary. The team needs to win the rest of its games to qualify for the state tournament. The biggest remaining obstacle is second-ranked Chardon on Homecoming. Junior Donnell Boyer stressed the importance of that game. "We want to see the whole school there getting hype," he said.

Golf

Coach: Robert Wonson
Captain: David Hauser
Big Match: Sectional tournament
Home Course: Shaker Heights Country Club

Outlook: According to Wonson this golf season has been unique due to several injuries. "Never before have I had any injuries on the golf team. This year we've had dislocated fingers, pulled back muscles, players hit in the head with golf balls and a broken hand." Senior Jed Wolpaw said while the team has not compiled a great record they have had a fun season. Hauser said hopefully the team can pull off an upset at sectionals.

Women's Cross Country

Coach: Henry Woodard
Captains: Laura Moore, Allison Leahy
Big Match: L.E.L. championships
Home Course: Horseshoe Lake

Outlook: Coach Woodard said that he has been pleasantly surprised with the "tremendously rapid improvement" of this young team. The team has been competing in big meets for the most part this year. Because of this Woodard said that they have not been placing as high as they might, but these meets have been good learning experiences for them. Moore, a junior, said that the underclassmen have performed exceptionally and have been a large factor in the team's suprisingly quick development. According to Woodard every runner has performed well but unfortunately the small number of people on the team has not allowed them to rest as much as they should.

-by Adam Cole-Kelly and Geoff Dietrich

Women's crew paddles into first season

BY NIKI DORSKY
Staff Reporter

The addition of women's crew as a fall sport has given female athletes a rigorous new option to explore.

Shaker is one of three local high schools having an organized crew team. The other two are Beaumont and St. Ignatius. Other teams in the area include those of John Carroll, Case Western Reserve and adult leagues.

The crew team is a club, not a varsity sport. Still in the middle of their first season, the team has spent the majority of practices learning terms and crew strategy.

Crew lingo differs from common terminology. Oars are called blades, the right side of the boat is the port, and the left side is the starboard. There are a total of nine girls in a boat at one time. The head of the boat, who shouts out the commands to the crew, is called the coxswain.

According to senior Megan Vail, during the week, half the team practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the other half on Mondays and Wednesdays. The entire team meets for Saturday practices. The site of all practices is the Western Reserve Rowing Association (WRRA) on the Cuyahoga River by Tower City.

Sophomores Emily Caldes and Kerri Welsh, who rowed for Beaumont last year, came up with the idea to bring crew to Shaker.

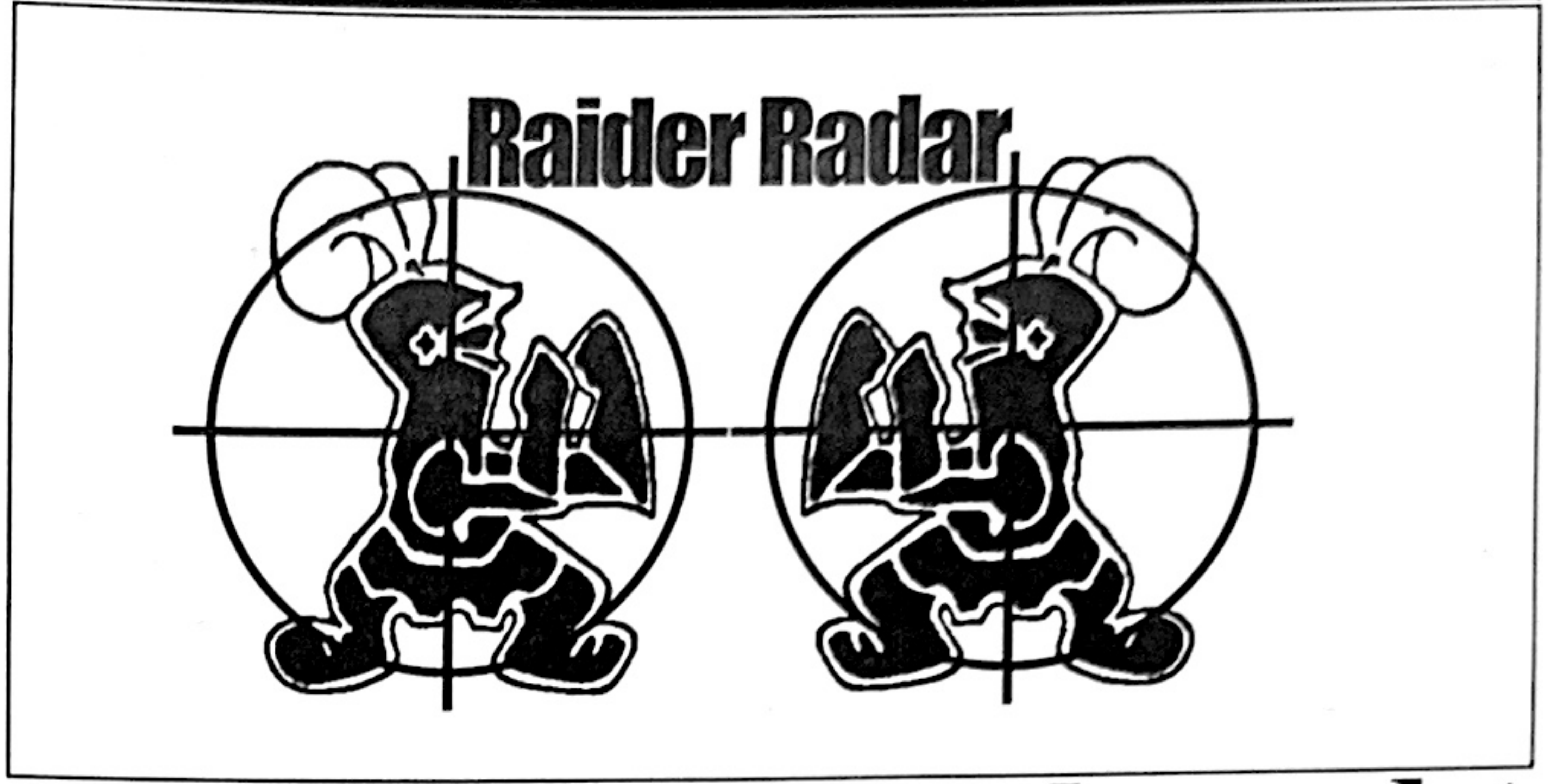
According to Caldes, special education teacher Carole Kovach told Caldes she would be interested in sponsoring a team. After working out over the summer with Beaumont and getting permission from principal A. Jack Rumbaugh, the team got underway.

The team pays the WRRA to use their boats and to practice on their water space. Shaker's coach, Vikki Simpkins, is also an employee at the WRRA.

Despite lacking crew experience, team members have shown no shortage of enthusiasm.

"I love crew!" Junior Sarah Wick said. "I've met all these new people and learned a totally new sport at the same time."

According to Caldes the team will attend its first meet Oct. 4 in Pittsburgh. The team will be competing against schools from all over the midwest, including Cincinnati, Columbus, Indiana and Pittsburgh.



Just when you thought nobody was looking ...

SIBLING SOCCER STANDOUTS - When freshman Amy "Band Room" Gross made the varsity soccer team she made history. Amy and brother, senior Michael are the only brother-sister combo to make the varsity soccer teams as freshmen.

HANSON'S HEROICS - On Sept. 20, senior Harry Hanson kept his feet busy. With sister Heather home from Harvard, Harry made a successful debut as the football team's placekicker. Hanson converted on all four extra points he kicked en route to a 34-0 mauling of Cleveland Heights. Later that day, he helped the soccer team defeat Midpark 4-1 as a starting forward.

SHAKER'S LOSS, BUFFALO'S GAIN - Congratulations to senior Aaron "Big Mac" McMickle who has orally accepted a full football scholarship offer to the University of Buffalo. They have also offered senior Onaje Grimes a full ride. Grimes is undecided.

HOT STREAK - In the midst of an up and down season, the field hockey team recently enjoyed two impressive victories. In an 8-0 stomping of Orange, senior Elizabeth Angney scored four goals. Also, senior Niki Dorsky scored the first goal of her career. Two days later, Angney struck again, scoring both goals in a thrilling, come-from -behind victory over Stow.

BRINGING THE RUCKUS - A group of spirited seniors have been spotted at numerous sporting events recently. The energetic cheering of this group, who have been seen sporting white ribbed tank tops, has led the Ohio High School Athletic Association to issue an official warning to the school. Unphased by this action the group promises to continue bringing the ruckus.

PUTTING AN END TO IT - Several false rumors have surfaced this past month. We feel obliged to confirm their lack of credibility. The Golf team will not have a match at Shaw. Tim "Buster" Stenta will not try to relive his freshman glory and challenge for a starting spot on the hoop squad. John "Teddy Bear" Sawyer did not beat Adam Grossman in *The Plain Dealer* tennis tournament over the summer.

RECOGNITION - As of Sept. 25, three varsity teams were ranked in the Top 25 in the city by *The Plain Dealer*. Joining the men's soccer and football teams, both regulars in the Top 25, was the women's soccer team. After tying two ranked teams, Hawken and Cleveland Heights, the Raiders became the first Shaker girls soccer team ever to be ranked.

HAVE MERCY - We urge Shaker teachers not to assign homework while the Indians are in the playoffs.

Raiders of the Month

BY GEOFF DIETRICH
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The football team has had a successful start to their season, thanks in part to a first year quarterback who has taken control of the team's offense. Senior Nate Clements now combats his all-league play at cornerback with a share of time under center, and is developing into a star on the team's strong offense.

Clements' play at cornerback has earned him much ackowledgement in the public eye, and the athletic talent he holds makes him a strong addition to the teams new faced paced, running offense.

Clements alongside with junior tailback Derrick Tatum are a perfect one-two punch. Running the option has become a common scene, and one that has helped the offense run all over opposing defenses.

Clements has eight touchdown runs this season, two of which came last weekend in the team's big win at league oppononent Lakewood.

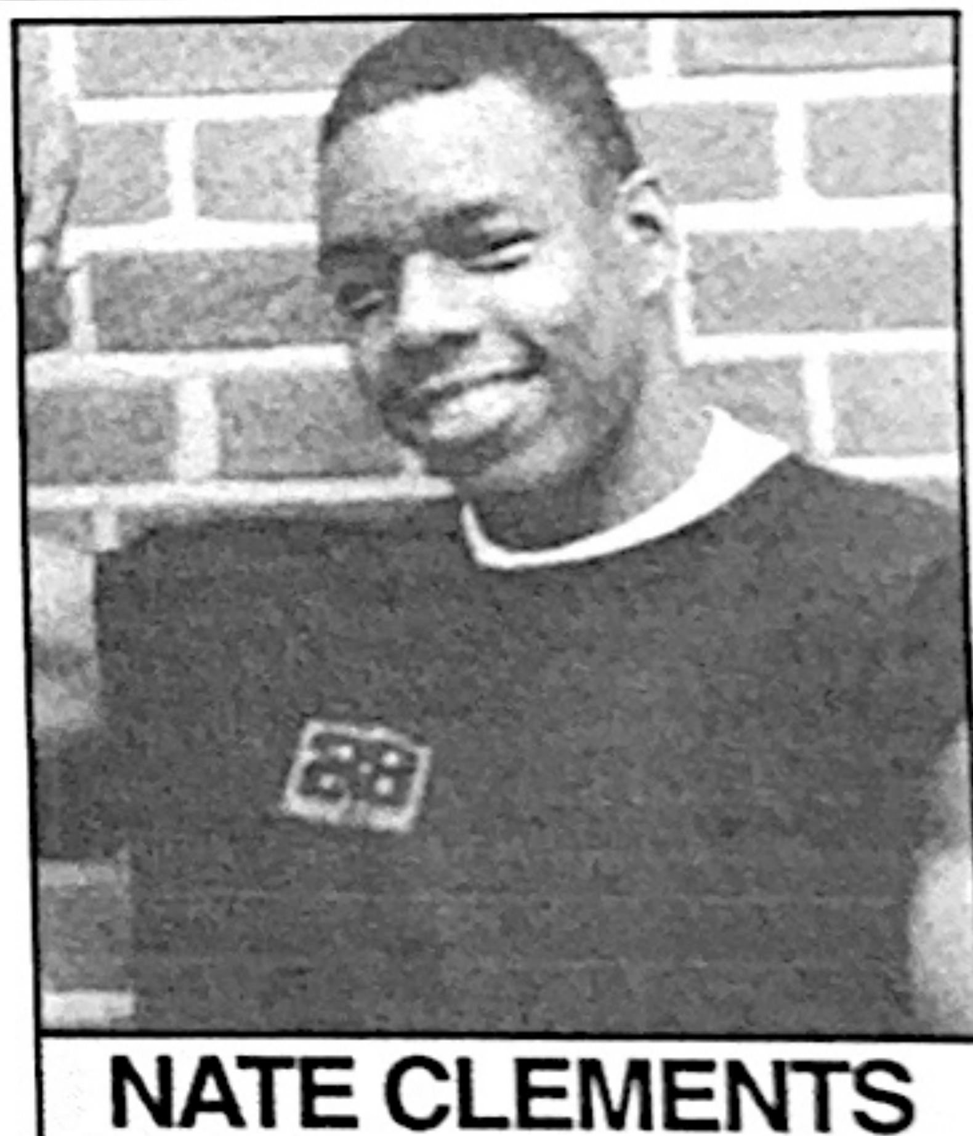
While Clements' athletic ability has helped the team's offense at quarterback, players agree that his great leadership on and off the field have been just as helpful.

"Nate is a stellar player, everybody can see that. He is also a great charismatic leader on the field. He's always calm, and keeps us focused when we're down. He's a good leader," said senior lineman Aaron McMickle.

Clements still plays cornerback and is having another great season in the secondary. When he doesn't play quarterback, he's catching passes at wide receiver from junior quarterback Tim Reese. In addition to that, he finds the energy to return punts and kickoffs for special teams. He is truthfully the all around player.

The addition of Clements to the offense has excited many students who are fans of the football team. Fans enjoy the big-play potential and have only good things to say about Clements.

"We haven't had a fast paced offense like this in the four years I've been here. It seems like on any given play Clements or Tatum could break through a hole and be off running for a big touchdown. It makes the whole game more exciting and fun for us fans," senior Carl Ewing said.



NATE CLEMENTS

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SHANA HEILBRON

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BY ADAM COLE-KELLY
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Senior Shana Heilbron loves to compete, whether it's playing forward on the varsity basketball team or setter on the volleyball team.

Heilbron, a three year volleyball captain, never accepts losing. P.E. teacher and volleyball coach Susan Brown said that Heilbron has high self-expectations because of her competetive nature.

"If we beat a team in three games that we could have beaten in two games Shana will be pleased with winning but disappointed because we did not perform to our highest potential," Brownsaid.

Because Heilbron is a setter (a position similar to a quarterback in football) she sets the pace of the game and runs the offense. Her play is crucial to the team's chances to win. According to Brown, Heilborn has run the offense tremendously this year. She has led the team to its best season in four years.

The team is contending for the Erie division title and has a good chance to earn a top seed in the state tournament. Heilbron said they have a legitimate shot at advancing to districts.

Heilbron attributed the teams success to their unity.

"There are eight seniors who have been playing together now for three years. That gives us a solid core of leadership."

Teammate Melissa Tribble said Heilbron sets a great example for the team.

"Shana is a true leader. Her intensity and positive attitude make it easy for the team to rally around her."

Coach Brown echoed Tribbles praise.

"Not only is Shana a great player, but she is very coachable. Any coach would be lucky to have her on their team," Brown said.

Heilbron not only her coaches attention. She is being recruited by the College of Wooster as well as several small Division I schools.

After volleyball and basketball seasons end at the high school, Heilbron keeps herself busy playing on the Northeast Ohio junior olympic team. She has been participating in this program for the past five springs.

RED RAIDER WRAP-UP

Women's Volleyball

- 12-4 (.750) regular season record
- Next game- Today vs. Warrensville
- Last home game- Oct. 9 versus Cleveland Heights

Men's Cross Country

- 4-1 (.800) in the Lake Erie League
- Next meet- Saturday at Medina Invitational
- Regional meet begins Oct. 25

Women's Cross Country

- 3-2 (.600) in the Lake Erie League
- Next meet- Saturday at Medina Invitational
- Regional meet begins Oct. 25

Golf

- 7-21 (.250) regular season record
- ***Sectional play began Oct. 1***

Football

- 4-1 (.800) in regular season
- Start Erie division play this Saturday on Red Tag Day vs. Parma
- Last home game- Nov.1 vs. Warrensville

Combined Raider Record:
69-41-4
(.610)

Raiders' stats accurate as of 9/29/97

Field Hockey

- 7-3-1 (.636) in regular season
- Travel to Columbus Saturday for two games
- Last home game- Oct. 8 vs. Laurel

Men's Soccer

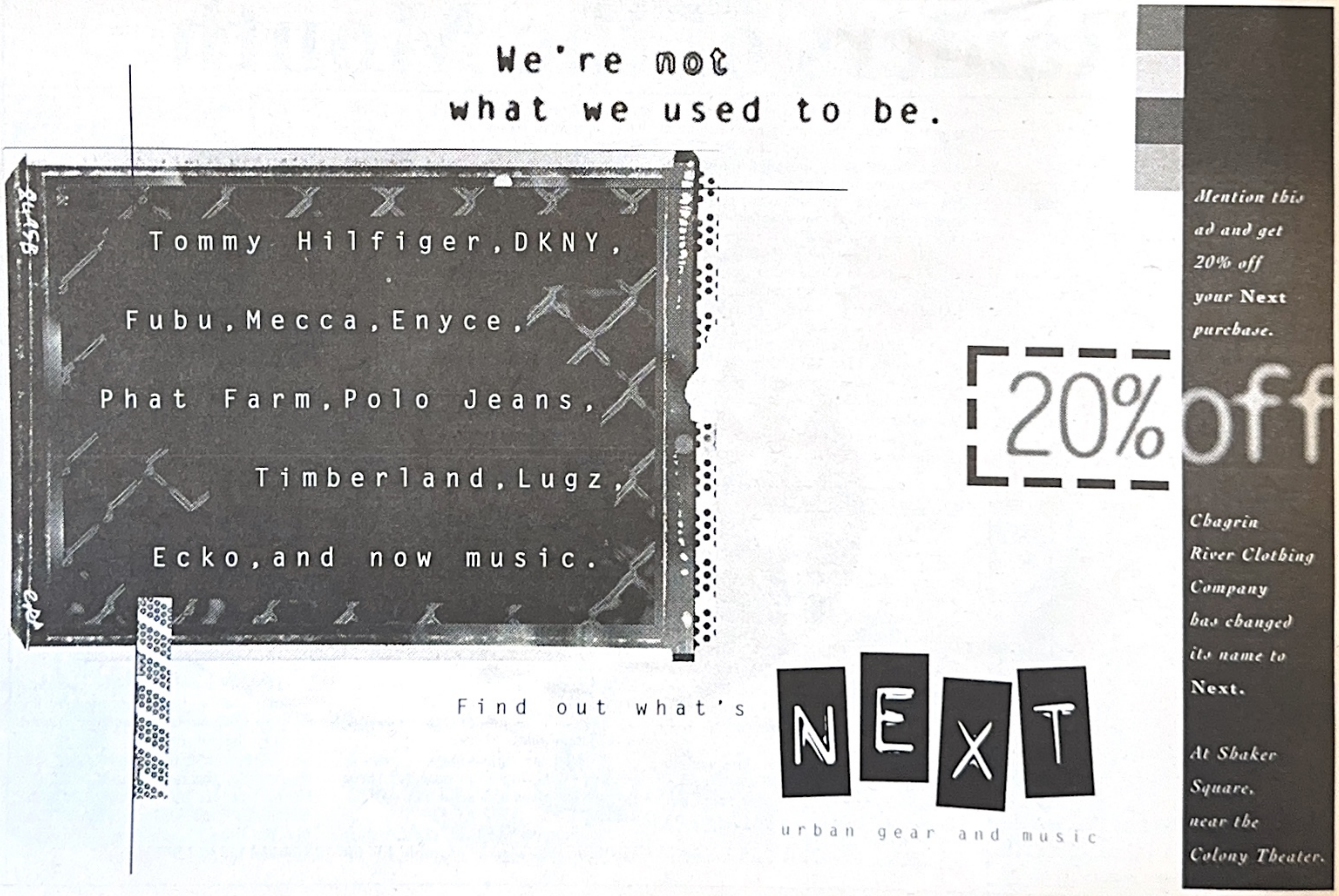
- 8-4-1 (.615) in regular season
- Next game- Saturday at Hawken
- Play Mentor in possible preview of District final Oct. 9 at Woodbury

Women's Soccer

- 11-1-2 (.786) in regular season
- Undefeated in last 13 games
- Last home game- Oct. 6 versus Beaumont

Women's Tennis

- 13-4 (.765) in regular season
- District play in team tournament begins Oct. 6
- State play begins Oct. 17



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